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## Posing problems for Thatcher

# Britain pressurized to cut oil prices anew

LONDON, Feb. 26 (R) — British North Sea oil prices are likely to succumb to the world oil glut again soon, oil industry sources said Friday, posing financial problems for Mrs. Margaret Thatcher's government as it shapes a new budget.

Major oil companies have told the state-owned British National Oil Corporation (BNOC), which sets British crude oil prices, that at \$33 a barrel North Sea oil is greatly over-priced in the current slump. Shell and British Petroleum have asked BNOC to consider a sharp reduction in prices, the second in a month, to bring British oil back into line with world prices. Competitive high-quality crudes are available in the spot market for under \$30.

Mexico was forced Thursday to cut prices for its top-grade crude oil by \$2.50 a barrel to \$32.50 and by \$1.50 to \$25 for heavy crude oil because customers balked at paying its asking prices with so much cheaper oil available.

And with demand for its oil the lowest since 1969, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) is planning emergency talks next month to deal with the problem. Britain and Mexico are not members of the oil producers' group. Industry sources said that oil company talks with BNOC are planned shortly, probably early next week.

If, as expected, BNOC cuts prices, it would deal a blow to treasury revenue and Sir Geoffrey Howe, the chancellor of the exchequer, who is to announce his budget March 9. Mrs. Thatcher warned businessmen this week that hopes for a tax cut to revive the economy were being raised too high.

She said recent price cuts on North Sea oil

had lowered government revenue and diminished her government's room for maneuver. A cut in the oil price of \$1.50 a barrel was made by BNOC only two weeks ago. Speculation about an impending price cut helped push the pound Friday to its lowest level since last October when it fell to \$1.8175 in foreign exchange trading.

Although the oil companies would like to see North Sea prices shaved by three to four dollars a barrel, industry sources expressed doubts that they will get all that they want as BNOC must take into account the government's revenue problem. At \$31 a barrel, for example, the British government would lose nearly \$1 billion (\$1.8 billion) a year in revenue, hurting its plans to rein in its heavy borrowing needs and ease pressure on interest rates. BNOC's decision will be watched closely by the OPEC.

Oil market analysts said the reduction by Mexico and the likelihood of a second cut by Britain puts intense pressure on OPEC to cut its prices. Venezuela's energy and mines minister, Humberto Calderon Fent, said in Caracas Thursday that OPEC's position in the world market had reached a critical stage and a meeting of the oil exporters was being prepared for the latter half of March.

He said production by the 13 OPEC members has fallen to about 20 million barrels a day, the lowest in 13 years, and warned that OPEC unity could be threatened. The price for Saudi Arabian benchmark crude oil, on which other prices are aligned, is now \$34 a barrel. But with top-quality Mexican crude selling for \$32.50 and British prices on the way down, oil market analysts said that without a drastic production cutback by OPEC there was little chance that level could last much longer.

## IEA sees oil demand falling

PARIS, Feb. 26 (AFP) — World crude oil demand could be "significantly" lower this year compared with 1981 and a downward spiral of oil prices remains a possibility, according to a report presented Friday to a meeting of the International Energy Agency (IEA).

Sources at a session of the IEA governing board, chaired by Ambassador Hiroshi Miyazaki, said the latest assessment of the oil market situation by IEA experts indicated a surprisingly quick decline in demand in the 22 IEA member countries since the end of last year.

IEA demand could be as much as seven percent below year earlier levels in the past

several weeks, they said, adding that this pointed to a further decline in world demand for the year as a whole after a five percent drop last year.

According to the same sources, crude oil output by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), estimated at 22 million barrels a day (mbd) in the last three months of 1981, might be down by 1.5 mbd in the first quarter of this year.

Conference sources said this explained pressure inside OPEC for further cuts in output.

According to the same report, the weakness of import demand did not appear to have been caused by a higher than average draw-down on IEA stocks.

## Tanzanian plane hijacked

NAIROBI, Kenya, Feb. 26 (AP) — A Tanzanian Airlines Boeing 737 jetliner was hijacked Friday evening on a flight from the Tanzanian town of Mwanza to Jeddah and landed there, according to control tower officials.

Control tower officials said 99 passengers were on board the plane. There was no word on the number of crew members aboard.

The officials said the number of hijackers was not known but they were believed to be persons unhappy with the Tanzanian govern-

ment of President Julius Nyerere.

The drama began a few minutes after Kenyan Foreign Minister Robert Ouko arrived in Nairobi on a scheduled Kenya Airways flight from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, where he had attended the Organization of African Unity council of ministers meeting.

Ouko was still at the airport nearly four hours after the hijack drama began and was believed to be attempting to mediate with the hijackers to determine their demands.

## U.K. airport staff jailed for fraud

LONDON, Feb. 26 (AP) — The entire 11-man staff running a baggage deposit office at London's Heathrow Airport were jailed Thursday for misappropriating 24,000 pounds (nearly \$44,000) from the airport and its customers.

They stole up to 20 pounds (\$36.60) each on every shift they worked for six months, said Prosecutor Peter Caton at Reading Crown Court.

He said the conspiracy came to light when a man went to the office at Terminal 3 to collect a relative's tombstone flown in from Pakistan. The man informed the state-run British Airports Authority that when he paid the 19 pounds (\$34.77) charge, his receipt was not signed, no copy was kept and the money was not put in the cash drawer.

The men admitted conspiracy to steal money and were jailed for between two and six months each.

Police said one of the 11 said in a confession: "We work a few fiddles (thefts), we are all at it."

Heathrow has been known for years as "thiefrow" because of the stealing from baggage and freight consignments that take place there.

## N.Korea 'plotted' to murder Chun

SEOUL, Feb. 26 (R) — South Korean police Friday charged North Korea with having supplied operational funds in an alleged plot to assassinate South Korean President Chun Doo-Hwan.

National Police Director General An Bong-Mo said: "In view of investigation results so far, it is regarded as certain that North Korea is behind the plot."

He was referring to Thursday's announcement by Canadian police that two Canadians had been arrested on charges of conspiracy to murder Chun during a visit to the Philippines. The two were identified as Charles Stephen Yanover, 36, and Alexander Michael Gerol, 33, both of Toronto.

Warrants were also issued for two other men, Canadian Nathan Israel Klegerman, 52, and Choi Jung-Hwa, 31, a South Korean resident in Canada.

The South Korea police chief said Choi now lived in North Korea after leaving Canada to Europe when Canadian police began investigating the alleged assassination plot.

## Metal swallows baffle doctors

LONDON, Feb. 26 (AP) — Some people swallow nuts and bolts, spoons and knives, and other bits of ironmongery, and two surgeons admitted Thursday that the medical profession does not know why most of them do it.

One patient even ate part of a stethoscope while reporting for treatment.

The surgeons at London's Charing Cross Hospital, Anthony James and Timothy Allen-Mersh, reported in the *Journal of the*

(Continued on back page)

## Schmidt's aides said involved

# Bribery scandal hits Bonn

BONN, West Germany, Feb. 26 (AP) — State prosecutors Friday said they had opened an investigation against two of Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's most senior ministers on suspicion of bribery. A statement from Bonn state prosecutors said it had opened an investigation against Economics Minister Otto Lambsdorff and Finance Minister Hans Matthoefer and other senior politicians and industrialists in connection with an illegal campaign funding scheme.

Among the other people named in the investigation were Schmidt's most senior chancellor aide Manfred Lahnstein, formerly Matthoefer's state secretary and Eberhard Von Yppwisch, a leading industrialist who Thursday stepped down from the deputy chairmanship of the German industry association and renounced the chairmanship of the same group he was due to assume next year.

The prosecutors said they also were investigating former Economics Minister Hans Friederichs, who is now chairman of the nation's second largest bank, the Dresdner Bank.

Von Brauchitsch is deputy chairman of the giant Friedrich Flick concern based in Dusseldorf. His boss Friedrich Flick was also named in the investigation.

Spokesmen for Matthoefer and Lambsdorff, who is currently in the United States, said the ministers were informed Wednesday of the pending investigation.

Neither the ministers' spokesmen nor government spokesmen would comment on the case other than to repeat a government statement of Thursday night that it was "convinced the suspicions involved (about bribery) would prove groundless."

Matthoefer released a statement first made in December denying press reports he had accepted kickbacks from Flick.

In Washington, an unidentified man who answered the telephone in Lambsdorff's hotel room refused comment when contacted by the Associated Press.

The man hung up the telephone when asked to identify himself.

In Bonn, an economics ministry spokesman later released a statement from Lambsdorff in which he said he knew of no circumstances that could implicate him in bribery charges.

Political sources said that if charges are brought against the two ministers, the scandal would seriously rock or perhaps topple Schmidt's increasingly shaky coalition government.

"I don't know how the government is going to get out of this one," Ernst-Dieter Lueg, a leading political reporter, said in a television commentary Thursday night.

The nation's largest circulation newspaper *Bild* had late Thursday released a report that the state prosecutors would investigate Matthoefer, Lambsdorff and Lahnstein on charges of bribery.

The investigation against Matthoefer and Lambsdorff is part of a sweeping inquiry by



Otto Lambsdorff



Hans Matthoefer

Bonn state prosecutors into about 700 cases of alleged tax evasion by individuals, corporations and political parties suspected of making and receiving illegal campaign contributions.

As reported in the West German press, the

parties set up money charities to attract financial donations, then used the favored tax break granted charities to kick back the money to their parties.

All three of the nation's mass parties were named in the reports — Schmidt's ruling Social Democrats, the junior partners in his coalition government, the Free Democrats and the opposition conservatives, the Christian Democrats.

The press reports on the alleged campaign funds scandal also charged that political parties sometimes commissioned bogus work from industrial corporations, which then kicked back to the parties the funds the companies had claimed on their taxes as expenses.

Under West German election laws, political parties get most of their funds from membership fees and a \$1.50 government payout for each vote garnered at the last federal election.

Individuals are allowed to make campaign contributions, with around \$790 deductible from tax returns, but this is a less favorable tax break than that granted to charities and corporations — hence the alleged swindling.

The investigation against Matthoefer and Lambsdorff relates to the sale by Flick in 1974 of billions of marks worth of shares in the Daimler Benz auto manufacturers.

Some of the money was reinvested in a variety of companies, including the American chemicals concern W.R. Grace. Press reports allege that Flick paid no capital gains tax on the reinvestments on grounds Bonn authorities decided they were made for the public good.

Such a decision rests with state secretaries and ministers in the finance and economic ministries in Bonn, and can also involve economics ministers in West Germany's 11 states.

The former economics minister of North Rhine Westphalia Horst-Ludwig Riemer and the economics minister of the southwestern state of Baden-Wuerttemberg Rudolf Eberle were also named in the investigation made public Friday.

If charges are filed against the two ministers, the West German parliament would formally have to lift their immunity from prosecution. But a parliament spokesman denied the *Bild* report that prosecutors already had applied to lift the immunity of Matthoefer and Lambsdorff.

Government spokesman Lothar Ruehl said it was unlikely Schmidt would suspend the ministers during the investigations.

Political sources predicting grave consequences for the Schmidt government if the ministers are charged, based their assessment on consideration both parties in the government coalition are involved.

Matthoefer and Lahnstein are both Social Democrats, as is Schmidt. Lambsdorff is a Free Democrat who is treasurer of the party's North Rhine Westphalia branch and a major party fundraiser.

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## To regulate cleaning with ACE

## Jeddah municipality sets forth terms

By Maher Abbas  
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 26 — Jeddah Municipality has put forth several terms and conditions to ensure cleaning of the city according to the five-year contract under which the Arabian Cleaning Enterprise began operating early this week.

Wahib Attar, head of the central cleaning and demolition authority, told *Arab News* that these conditions will regulate relations between the municipality and the company.

Among the conditions is the provision that the company should not allow subcontracting works in the activities covered in the contract. The company will not give partial and complete works to another contractor like the administration of a project, maintenance or operation. However, the company can seek help from Saudi Arabian contractors after securing the municipality's consent and in works which do not directly affect cleaning activities, Attar said.

The municipality has the right to cut off 20 percent of the company's monthly fees in case the latter fails to honor terms of the contract. Such matters include failing to remove garbage from streets and districts on an area of more than 10,000 sq. meters. Other monthly reductions ranging between three percent and four percent will be made if the company fails to clean more than 36 garbage boxes and 10 containers; fails to remove garbage for more than 36 hours; if the company neglects to maintain public toilets and the municipality's buildings for more than 24 hours; or fails to remove dead animals from the streets within 12 hours and clean and disinfect the places where the animals die.

If offenses are repeated in one month, the percentage of reduction becomes 10 percent per month. And if such offenses are further repeated the reduction becomes 10 percent per year, and in this case the municipality has the right to withdraw the contract from the company, confiscate the guarantee and execute the work at the company's expense.

The company began its operations in a first phase which includes downtown, Ruwais and the central part. The city will be cleaned with modern machinery, with pumping of water from streets, maintenance of roads and collecting, burning and burying of garbage. The Arabian Cleaning Enterprise entered the contract with 3,000 workers and 650 vehicles. At a later stage, the company will also make use of the municipalities' fleet of cleaning machinery which now includes 400 vehicles.

After the expiry of the contract, five years later, the municipality will own all the company's machinery. The contract provides also for training municipal personnel on the cleaning works by the company so as to enable the municipality to assume the city's responsibilities once the contract expires.

Following a preliminary survey of houses, the company has distributed 250,000 small garbage collection cans to each unit in downtown, Ruwais and the central parts, in addition to the public buildings and the municipality's buildings. Additional cans will be assigned to housing units after a comprehensive survey is conducted by the company.

The SR1,294 billion contract provides for the company to assume responsibilities of cleaning the city for the first time. The task was being carried by the municipality's central cleaning and demolition authority through the 10 branch municipalities in Jeddah.

The authority's connection with the cleaning company will be as a supervisor and evaluator, to pursue the company's activities and its abidance by the terms of the contract. Supervisors and inspectors will be appointed to all districts in the city to follow up the company's work and submit regular reports to Mayor Muhammad Saeed Farsi.

The company's activities will include maintenance of 391 kilometers of roads in various parts of Jeddah, including 25 kilometers outside the urban borders of the city and the unplanned zones. The 221 kilometers of road network on the Corniche, as far as its connection to Makkah Road, Bani Malik and Prince Fahd Street, — also come under the responsibilities of the company.

The contractor will also ensure automatic and manual cleaning of streets and pavements, determining pedestrian crossing points, maintaining flower pots and the 180 artistic structures in the city. The company will clean the 25 hospitals of Jeddah, also taking into consideration that the number may increase in the future.

The contract also provides cleaning of Jeddah's 10 markets, including the fish, vegetables and sheep markets. Garbage will be collected from shopping centers and workshops which cover a total of 450,000 sq. meters. The rubble of construction works and junk cars are to be removed by the company which will also supply 10 cubic meter containers at buildings. The containers are to be lifted when full, and returned on the same day, according to the contract's provisions.

The municipality has stressed that the company refrain from introducing any adjustments on the contracts and that it should abide by the health conditions enforced by the Kingdom. The company will have to submit monthly reports on its works in regard to workers, machinery, garbage collection stations, incinerators and places where garbage would be buried. It will also present a proposal on a working plan for the municipality's approval three months before the plan would be enforced.

Mayor Farsi has said recently that more than 90 percent of the vehicles, equipment, metal containers and consumer goods to be used by the company have been purchased from local sources in the Kingdom.

The most advanced garbage collection and disposal equipment has been bought in large quantities. The company will bury garbage in two sites, now under preparation according to sound hygienic rules. Three garbage incinerators and transformation plants are to be designed and built by the company.

## National firm lands contract

MAKKAH, Feb. 26 (SPA) — Prince Miteb, minister of public works and housing, who is also acting minister of municipal and rural affairs, has signed a contract with a national firm for undertaking cleaning operations in the holy city.

Makkah Mayor Abdul Qader Koshak said Friday that, under the SR126.58 million contract, the company will carry out cleaning in five municipal areas. Work on the three-month project will begin April 24, he added.

## Tunisian premier due here today

JEDDAH, Feb. 26 (SPA) — Tunisian Prime Minister Muhammad Mazali arrives here Saturday on a four-day visit to the Kingdom on the first leg of a tour of Arab countries. Mazali will proceed to Riyadh Sunday where he will be welcomed at the airport by Crown Prince Fahd who will host a dinner in the Tunisian premier's honor.

## PLO, Fateh commend Saudi Arabia

PARIS, Feb. 26 (SPA) — Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, reiterated here Wednesday that the Saudi peace plan represents a "basis for the realization of a just peace in the Middle East."

Arafat said in an interview published by the Paris-based newspaper *Al-Wakef* that the plan will be placed before the next Arab summit conference for discussion.

Meanwhile, Khaled Al-Hassan, member of the central committee of the Palestine National Liberation Front (Fateh), has reiterated the significance of Saudi Arabia's uninterrupted material and moral support to the Palestinian resistance.

## Tours sports installations

## Faisal opens table tennis tourney

RIYADH, Feb. 26 (SPA) — President of Youth Welfare Prince Faisal bin Fahd opened here Thursday night the Gulf and Arabian Peninsula table tennis championship. Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, North Yemen and South Yemen are taking part in the championship. In addition to the Kingdom.

Sulaiman Al-Jabhan, Saudi Arabian tennis and table tennis federation president and chairman of organizing committee, said that this is the largest congregation for table tennis games since the establishment of the championship in 1977.

He added that the championship comprises three competitions — national teams, youth and amateurs — and games will be played on singles and doubles. Games began Friday morning.

Meanwhile, Prince Faisal toured Thursday the presidency's installations and sports clubs here. Accompanied by senior aides, the prince inspected work on the headquarters of the Saudi Arabian Olympic Committee, the Arab Athletic Games Union and the Saudi Arabian Sports Unions.

Later, he visited the premises of Hilal and Nasr clubs and the sports medicine and physiotherapy center's building. Other areas inspected by Prince Faisal included popular squares and headquarters of the Saudi Arabian Tennis and Table Tennis Federation.

He said that work on the projects is progressing according to schedule, adding that these installations form the base for the development of sports according to scientific and sound plans for the youth. Prince Faisal said similar projects are coming up in all villages and towns in the country to serve the youth and sportsmen.

He stressed that sports cannot develop and prosper without the adequate installations. "We are taking firm, well-studied and quick paces all at the same time," he said. Prince Faisal commended King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd's support and attention to the affairs of the youth.

The state pursues a highly incentive policy in regard to sports and youth welfare. Apart from the enormous public projects built by the government, financial assistance is provided to all sports clubs. Hundreds of millions of riyals have been allocated for building modern facilities for each sports club in the current development plan.

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## King Faisal international prizes

## Prince Fahd to confer awards Monday

RIYADH, Feb. 26 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd will represent for King Khaled at the King Faisal International Prize (K.F.I.P.) distribution ceremony here Monday.

The crown prince will award the K.F.I.P. for Service to Islam to Sheikh Abdul Aziz ibn Baz, president of the departments of scholarly research, religious ruling (Fatwa), Islamic Call (D'wah) and guidance; and the K.F.I.P. for Islamic Studies to Dr. Najatullah Siddiqui. Dr. Nasseruddin Al-Assad will be awarded the K.F.I.P. for Arab Literature while Dr. D. Morolli will be given the K.F.I.P. for Medicine, which is being awarded for the first time this year.

The prize for service to Islam carries a cash award of SR300,000 and a gold medal, while the other three prizes have a cash award of SR250,000 and a gold medal each. All four prizes are accompanied with a citation and a resume of the work done by the winners.

The basic statute of the prize provides for the formation of a five-member committee, known as the Steering Committee, which is entrusted with the task of realizing coordination between the selection and nomination committees and also of suggesting any amendment to the statute.

The prizes are awarded annually, but any prize can be withheld if they do not meet all the conditions required for the award. The selection committee announces the names of the winners two months before the presentation ceremony, and then the winners are invited to receive the prizes in a special function.

According to the basic statute for the prize for service to Islam, a steering committee is formed to review the names of the nominees, to study their works and to select the winners

from among the participants. The committee comprises Prince Abdullah Al-Faisal, chairman of the board of trustees of the King Faisal Philanthropic Foundation; Prince Sultan, minister of defense and aviation and also chairman of the higher committee for the Islamic Call; the Rector of Al-Azhar University; the Secretary General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference; and the Secretary General of the Muslim World League. They are joined by two scholars from the Fatwa board of two Islamic countries, selected by the committee itself. Its resolutions are adopted by a majority of votes of participating members. The prize for service to Islam is presented to someone who has served Islam and Muslims and has exerted quite an extraordinary effort that has resulted in bringing considerable benefit to the Muslims. Nomination for the prize is made by Islamic organizations, universities and associations throughout the world. Nominations from political parties are not accepted.

Regarding the prize for Islamic studies, a steering committee is formed to review the nominees, to study their works and to select the winner. The committee consists of a representative each from Egypt's Al-Azhar University; the Islamic University of Madinah; Tunisia's Kairouan University; University of Morocco; India's Aligarh University; King Saud University of Riyadh; King Abdul Aziz University of Jeddah; Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University of Riyadh and the

Muslim World League, in addition to three personalities selected by the committee. The statute provides that these members be scholars with eminent activity in the field of Islamic studies and sciences. In the case of this prize too, the decision is taken by a majority vote by the participating members.

The sphere of work for this prize includes all branches of Islamic sciences and, every year, the committee specifies the scope in which the prize will be awarded in the following year. Anyone who has carried out studies or research work for the general benefit of Muslims can be considered entitled to this prize, after the work has been assessed by the selection committee. The prize can be shared by more than one person and the nomination is made by international academic institutions, such as the universities; research centers; language academies and similar institutions.

In the case of the prize for Arabic literature, it has a steering committee of nine members, two of them are selected from King Saud University, King Abdul Aziz University and Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University. Three others are selected on the basis of their personal merits, in order to review the works of the nominees and to select the winner.

Again, the members have to be reputed scholars with eminent activity in the field of Arabic language and literature and allied research works. The decision on selection is taken by a majority of vote of those present.

The scope for this prize covers all branches of Arabic literature and, every year, the selection committee specifies the sphere of work for the next year. Entitled to this prize is a person who has done an original work in the sphere determined by the committee, and his work enriches Arabic language and literature, in accordance with the evaluation and decision of the selection committee. More than one person can share the prize, while nominations are made by international academic institutions, such as the universities.

research centers, language academies and similar bodies.

Last year, the prize for service to Islam was awarded to King Khaled. Before that, the prize was shared by Sheikh Abul Hassan Ali Nadwi of India and Dr. Muhammad Nasser of Indonesia.

The prize for Islamic studies was awarded last year to an Egyptian scholar, Abdul Salam Haroon. In the previous year, the prize was given to Dr. Muhammad Mustafa Al-Azami of India.

The prize for Arabic literature was won, in 1980, by Dr. Ihsan Abbas of Palestine and Dr. Abdul Oader Al-Oot of Egypt. Last year, the prize was withheld since the works submitted were considered below the specified level.

The King Faisal philanthropic foundation has instituted these prizes on the basis of principles and values for which King Faisal had struggled throughout his life. It is no secret that the late King had made ceaseless struggle to keep aloft righteousness to safeguard the Islamic faith and the Muslim causes throughout the world, and to realize unity and solidarity among the Muslims of the

world.

After the declaration of these international prizes, it has been generally thought and believed that these have filled a wide gap in the field of Arab, Islamic and humanitarian thinking. These awards are quite different from other international prizes which are influenced by politics and party leanings. In fact, the K.F.I.P.s are awarded on an objective basis, to please Almighty God and to revive the Islamic culture and heritage.

The King Faisal philanthropic foundation was established in 1976 with the aim of carrying out welfare programs for Muslims. It

undertakes educational and scientific activities, besides welfare work for the Muslims. It helps in the building of mosques, schools, institutes, universities, Islamic centers, scientific research centers; in supplying technical expertise; in giving scholarships to students and research workers in various branches of knowledge and in giving Muslims the opportunity of equipping themselves with knowledge and culture.

In addition, the foundation gives material assistance for the construction of hospitals, sanatoriums and rehabilitation centers.

A royal order had made it clear that the foundation has been set up to pay tribute to the departed leader and to carry out his noble message of keeping the banner of Islam fluttering high.

## Prayer Times

	Makkah	Madinah	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Saturday						
Fajr (Dawn)	5:18	5:21	4:53	4:41	5:05	5:36
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:34	12:34	12:06	11:53	12:17	12:47
Asr (Afternoon)	3:54	3:54	3:26	3:12	3:36	4:05
Maghrib (Sunset)	6:25	6:24	5:55	5:41	6:05	6:33
Isha (Night)	7:55	7:54	7:25	7:11	7:35	8:03

## MWL raps Communists' designs

MAKKAH, Feb. 26 (SPA) —The Muslim World League denounced Friday 'cheap' Communist designs to exploit the Holy Quran by using the Holy Book's cover and filling it with explosives. These were sent to some leaders of the Afghan freedom fighters as a means of eliminating them, the Makkah-based Islamic organization said.

The MWL said that such parcels, discovered by Pakistani authorities, were addressed to President Zia ul-Haq, and some Afghan leaders. Voicing condemnation of these acts which abuse the sanctity of God's Book, the MWL urged the Islamic community to confront such cheap Communist designs.

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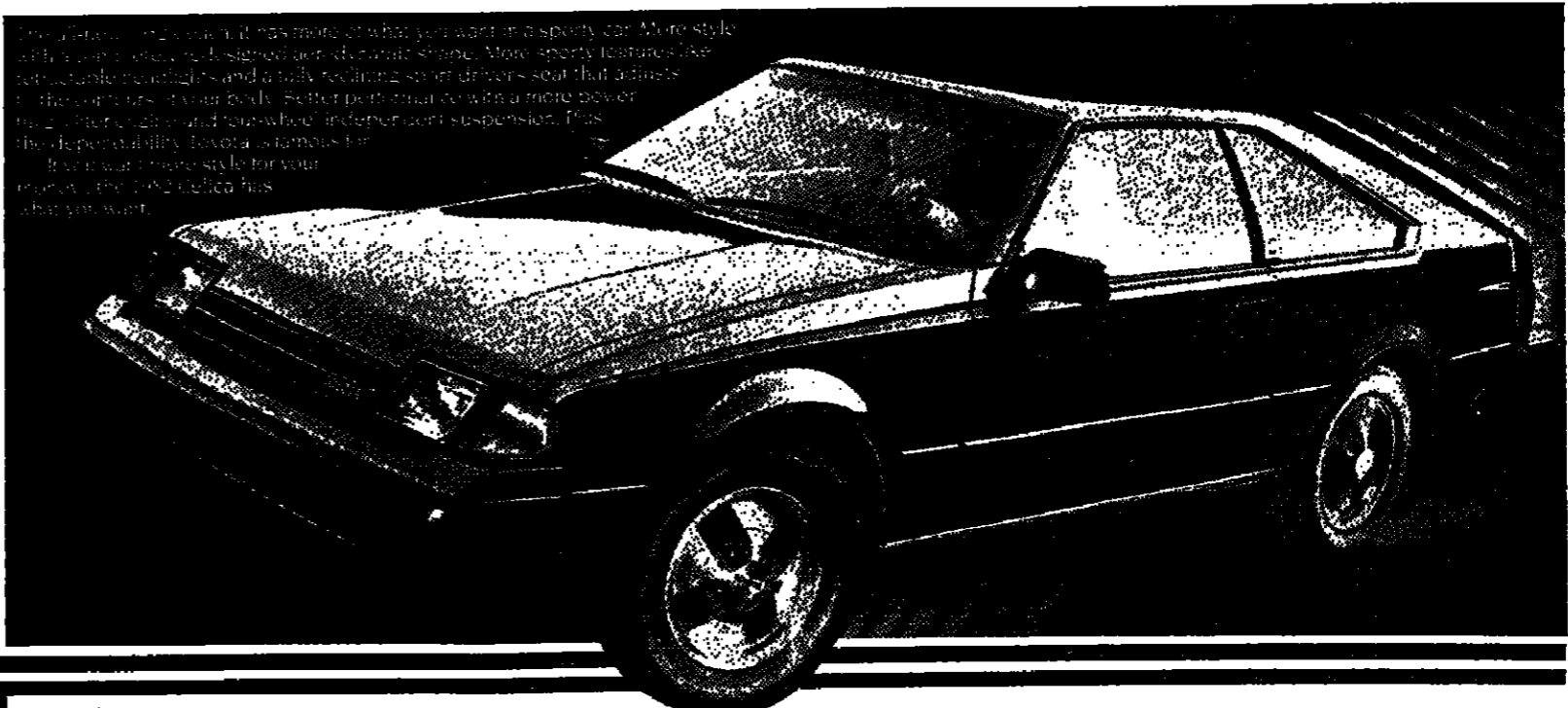
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## Tunisia, Libya agree to end dispute

TUNIS, Feb. 26 (AP) — Tunisia and Libya have agreed to make a fresh start on cooperation after some years of recurrent crises in bilateral relations, it was officially stated here Thursday night on the third day of a visit by Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi.

A joint ministerial committee was preparing a protocol "to give concrete form to a desire to consolidate the common figure of the two countries", it was announced.

Tunisia's civil service minister, Mezri Chakir, said the meetings, marked by "confidentiality and mutual regard," had reviewed cooperation possibilities in the fields of economics, industry, culture, education and social affairs. Regularization of the position of some 60,000 Tunisians working in Libya was raised, he said.

Authoritative sources in Tunis said Friday that Qaddafi had returned a disputed agreement on merging the two countries signed in January 1974.

Gulf oil analysts said in Bahrain Friday that the way now appeared open for a resumption of the stalled Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) ministerial talks. The ministers had sought an undertaking from Tripoli that it would not veto Tunisia's application if the meeting were reconvened. They said a possible venue would be an Arab energy symposium which begins in Doha, Qatar, March 6 at which OAPEC is one of the organizers, although a later date might be more feasible.

Tripoli had been at odds with Tunis over the limits of the Continental Shelf off the two countries and the exploitation of oilfields in southern Tunisia, Arab oil sources have said. On Wednesday the International Court of Justice in The Hague made what court sources described as a compromise judgement which left the two countries' oil concessions unchanged.

The oil analysts said differences still remained, but news that the resolution of the merger dispute had paved the way for better relations between the two countries raised hopes that outstanding disputes could also be resolved.

The first day of the trial, expected to last three weeks, started late after the defendants, two Iraqis, a Lebanese and a Palestinian, refused to dress. When they entered the court, they shouted slogans and attacked the United States, the Soviet Union, Israel and French President Francois Mitterrand. A fight ensued with the heavy police guard and the trial was suspended. When it resumed about two hours later, Anis Naccache, the Lebanese who is the alleged leader of the

commandos, tried to read a statement attacking French justice and explaining the reasons for the attack on Bakhtiar.

Judge Henri Boulard refused to allow Naccache to speak before the charges were read to the court and warned of the possibility of expulsion from the court. After a further one-hour break, Naccache again refused to hear the charges.

The judge then expelled him from the court with another alleged member of the attack squad, Mehdi Nejib Tabrizi, 23, an Iranian, and two men who allegedly kept guard outside the building, Salaheddine El Kaara, 25, a Lebanese, and Jawad Jenab, 25, an Iranian.

The only defendant allowed to remain was Muhammad El Satari, 24, a Palestinian also said to have been in the attack squad. He said he dissociated himself from the other defendants, adding: "I am afraid of being murdered here or in prison. My lawyers could also kill me. Anyone could kill me with the blessings of the French secret services."

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## Palme arrives in Tehran

NICOSIA, Feb. 26 (AP) — U.N. special envoy Olof Palme arrived in Tehran, Iran, Friday to renew his mediation efforts to end the war between Iran and Iraq, the official Iranian News Agency, Irna, reported.

IRNA (formerly Pars) said Palme, who is traveling as a special envoy of U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar, was received at Tehran's Mehrabad airport by Iranian Foreign Ministry officials.

Palme went to Tehran from Baghdad, the Iraqi capital, where the U.N. reported he had arrived last Wednesday on his fifth mediation mission since November 1980 two months after the breakout of the war on Sept. 12, 1980.

## China, Algeria air forces to cooperate

PEKING, Feb. 26 (AFP) — China and Algeria will strengthen cooperation between the air forces of the two countries, the head of a visiting Algerian Air Force delegation said here Friday.

Com. Abdull Hamid, quoted by the New China News Agency, said his talks with Chinese air force officials "have helped us find new ways to develop friendship and cooperation between the two air forces." NCNA said the Algerian delegation left here at the end of a week-long visit during which its members toured the ancient capital of Xian, the southwestern city of Chengdu and Shanghai.

Com. Hamid also reportedly met Chinese Air Force Chief Gen. Zhang Tinfu, who is also a Communist Party Politburo member.

## Reagan said planning to ban Libyan crude

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (R) — The Reagan administration wants to ban U.S. imports of Libyan oil and stop the sale of American oil production equipment to that country, *The Washington Post* said Friday.

The newspaper quoted informed sources as saying the boycotts were expected to take effect within a month after discussions with U.S. oil companies, European allies and members of Congress. The State Department and the White House declined to comment on the report.

## Turkey detains top left-wing leaders

ISTANBUL, Feb. 26 (R) — Turkey's military authorities detained or summoned about 40 leaders, left-wing lawyers, intellectuals and journalists in an overnight swoop on their homes, relatives said Friday.

The move appeared aimed against the Turkish section of the Helsinki-based World Peace Council, of which all those detained or summoned were apparently members, the relatives said. The council is a prominent pro-Soviet body. The swoop was carried out by soldiers around midnight in Ankara and Istanbul, relatives said.

Those detained included retired Turkish diplomat Muhammad Dikerdem, head of the Turkish branch of the World Peace Council, they added. Military authorities made no

immediate statement and it was not known whether charges had been laid.

The detentions were ordered by Istanbul's military prosecutor, Col. Suleyman Takkeci, who is also prosecuting 52 trade union leaders now on trial in Istanbul.

The relatives said it appeared those who were at home at the time were taken away while those absent were ordered to report to military prisons as soon as possible. The chairman of the Istanbul Bar Association, Orhan Apaydin, who is defending the 52 union men, was among those summoned because he was not in his Istanbul home at midnight when soldiers and police arrived, relatives said. Apaydin was expected to report to a military prison in Istanbul, the relatives added.

Niyazi Dalyanci, well-known editor of the independent Turkish News Agency (THA), and Ali Sirmen, columnist of the daily *Cumhuriyet*, were taken from their Istanbul homes Thursday night, relatives said. Those detained or summoned also included academics, a doctor, an actor and a housewife, relatives said.

The World Peace Council, which Western governments say is backed and financed by the Soviet Union, claims to have branches in 135 countries.

Istanbul legal sources said the detainees had been formally placed under arrest, charged with forming and working in an illegal organization and carrying out Communist activities.

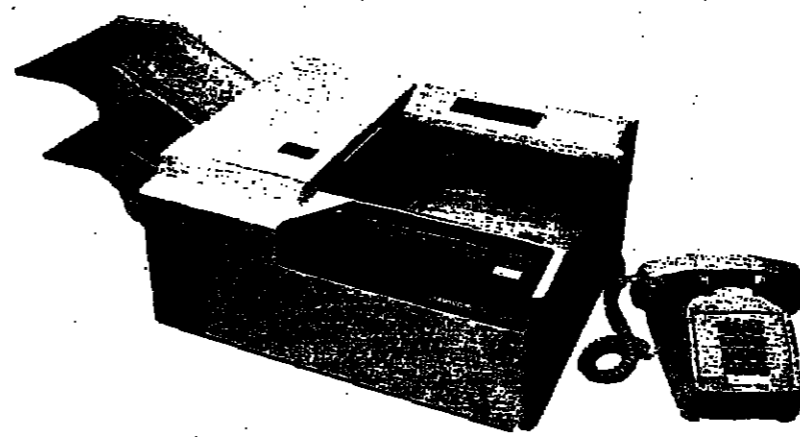
## French court evicts 4 defendants as Bakhtiar murder bid case opens

PARIS, Feb. 26 (AP) — Four of five men charged with attempting to assassinate former Iranian Premier Shapour Bakhtiar were evicted from the court following incidents on the opening day of their trial Thursday. They said they would immediately start a hunger strike.

The defendants are all charged with murder and attempted murder. A policeman and a neighbor of Bakhtiar were killed and others wounded in the July, 1980, attack on Bakhtiar's apartment. He escaped injury.

The first day of the trial, expected to last three weeks, started late after the defendants, two Iraqis, a Lebanese and a Palestinian, refused to dress. When they entered the court, they shouted slogans and attacked the United States, the Soviet Union, Israel and French President Francois Mitterrand. A fight ensued with the heavy police guard and the trial was suspended. When it resumed about two hours later, Anis Naccache, the Lebanese who is the alleged leader of the

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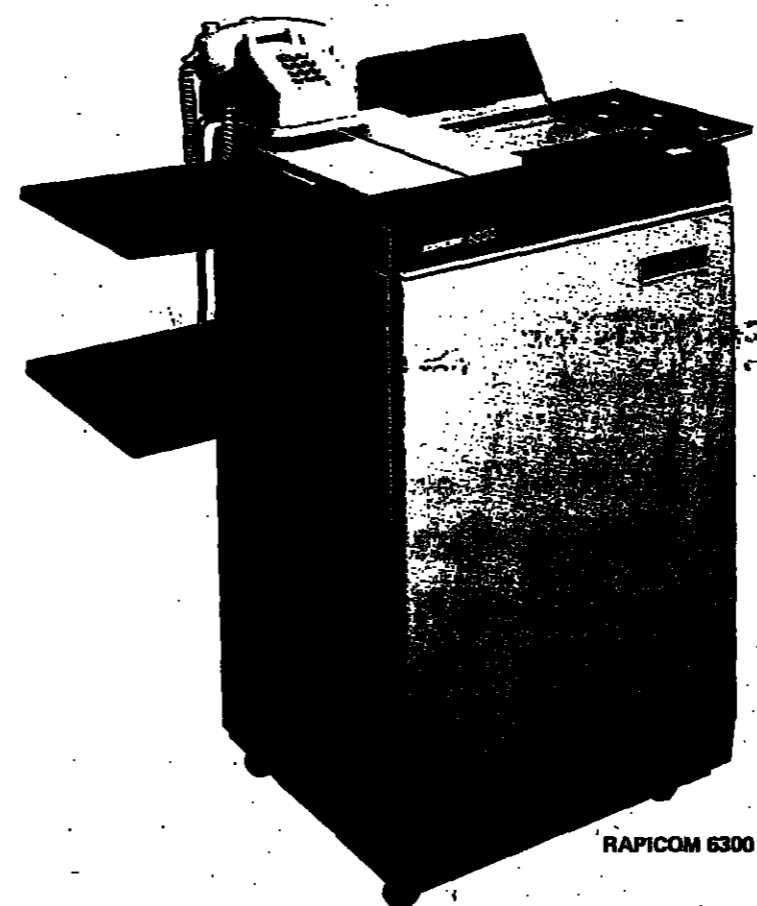
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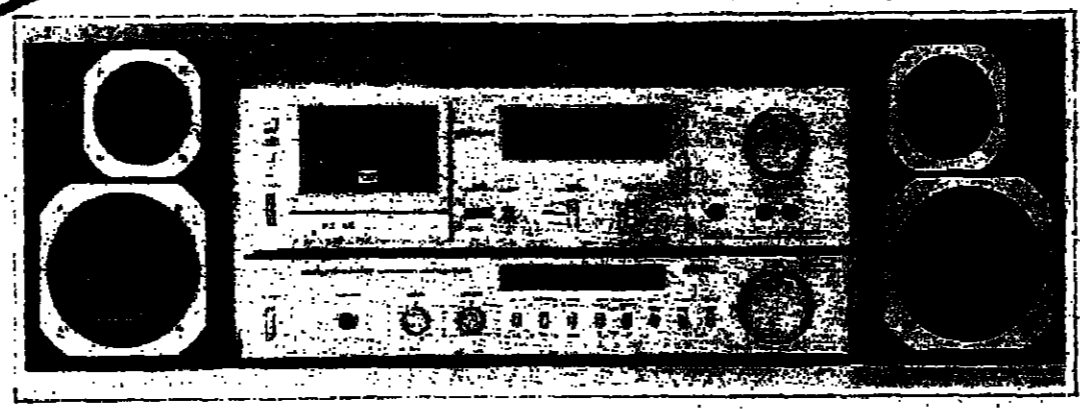
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## As Habib arrives in Beirut Israeli envoy confirms plan to attack Lebanon

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (Agencies) — Israel's new ambassador to the United States has said his country would take military action in southern Lebanon, declaring "I would almost say it's a matter of time."

Moshe Arens claimed Palestinians were organizing themselves in the area as an excuse.

"It is not a zero possibility event ...." the ambassador told reporters when asked about the likelihood that Israel would take action within the next two months. "I would almost say it's a matter of time," he added.

Arens, who was regarded as a "hard-liner" when he was a member of the Israeli Knesset (parliament), also expressed fears that U.S. arms sales in the region were eroding Israel's advantage in weaponry over the Arabs. The concern was heightened earlier this month when U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger met Jordan's King Hussein and discussed the possibility of Jordan buying U.S. F-16 fighters and air defense missiles.

Arens said many people in Israel, including Defense Minister Ariel Sharon, now wanted to launch pre-emptive military actions against South Lebanon. He said he doubted whether President Reagan would be able to keep his promise to Prime Minister Menachem Begin that he would see that Israel retained its edge in weapons.

Meanwhile, U.S. presidential envoy Philip C. Habib arrived in Beirut Friday on a new troubleshooting mission in the Middle East amidst Israeli confirmation that it was preparing to invade southern Lebanon.

Habib's State Department jet touched down at the Lebanese capital at 12:55 a.m. (1055 GMT). Lebanon's state radio said extra security measures were taken at the airport for Habib's arrival.

As in most of his previous Middle East trips, Habib refused to make a statement to the press upon his arrival. He rode straight from the airport in U.S. Ambassador Robert Dillon's residence. "You know my usual comment. I'll just be quiet," Habib told reporters before ducking into the limousine.

The radio said Habib was scheduled to confer with Lebanese President Elias Sarkis in the afternoon on ways of consolidating a seven-month-old ceasefire between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization in southern Lebanon.

Habib's visit to the region includes a trip to Israel, but it remains uncertain whether he will visit Syria as Damascus has officially blamed the United States for the recent outbreak of fighting in Hama between government troops and the Muslim Brotherhood.

The Syrian press Thursday reported that

## Habre forces retake city

NDJAMENA, Feb. 26 (AFP) — The rebel Armed Forces of the North (FAN), led by former Chadian Defense Minister Hissene Habre, recaptured the eastern Chadian city of Oum Hadjer Thursday, four days after it had been captured by government troops, Chadian military sources said here Friday.

FAN took the city, between Ndjamena and Abeche, by attacking from the South four days after the Chadian armed forces of Vice-President Col. Abdulkader Kamougue had seized control of the city, the sources said. There were no reports on casualties in the fighting Thursday.

## BRIEFS

NICOSIA, (AFP) — Andreas Papandreu starts an historic visit to Cyprus Saturday, the first by a Greek prime minister since the island achieved independence 22 years ago. It is felt in political circles here that the visit will be of major importance as it comes at a time when the inter-community negotiations are foundering.

BEIRUT, (AP) — Four Lebanese soldiers were killed and three wounded when their truck loaded with ammunition slammed into a Syrian Army vehicle on the Beirut-Damascus highway Friday, a Lebanese police statement reported.

TEHRAN, (AFP) — An earthquake of medium intensity shook Golbaf in Kerman province, south eastern Iran, Thursday night, the Geophysical Institute announced Friday. The quake which measured 4.8 on the Richter Scale, apparently caused no damage, the institute said. A slightly stronger quake occurred in the same area Feb. 19.

PALMA DE MAJO, Spain, (R) — King Hassan of Morocco left for home Friday after a surprise private visit during which he conferred with Spain's King Juan Carlos on bilateral relations and African issues, diplomatic sources said. Since the visit was private, no official agenda was set and no communiqués were issued.

## Iraq to fight for N. Yemen if need arises

BEIRUT, Feb. 26 (R) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has pledged that his country would fight for North Yemen whenever it needed help, the Iraqi News Agency reported.

President Hussein was addressing Thursday a group of Yemeni volunteers fighting alongside Iraq in the Gulf war with Iran during a visit to their camp with North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh. The Yemeni leader, who is on a tour which has already taken him to Oman, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Jordan, arrived in Baghdad earlier from Amman for a visit due to last several days.

The tour, during which the president is having talks on bilateral relations and means of ending inter-Arab disputes, will end with visits to Saudi Arabia and Qatar. President Saleh, who said on arrival that North Yemen supported Iraq "with all our energies in confronting threats," told the troops the Iraqi armed forces were defending not only their country but the entire Arab nation.

## Palestinians treat me well, says Israeli prisoner of war

BEIRUT, Feb. 26 (AP) — An Israeli war prisoner was quoted Friday as saying his Palestinian captors treated him well. He received regular mail from his family in Israel.

Corporal David Azziz Moncherie was speaking to the London-based Arabic language Lebanese magazine *Al-Hawadess*.

*Al-Hawadess* said its Beirut reporters and photographers conducted the interview last week in a "mountain hideout used as a prison" by al-Fateh, the largest of the eight Palestinian groups that make up the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

Moncherie, 30, was identified as an Iranian born Jew who emigrated to Israel in 1965. He was taken prisoner on July 19 during an Israeli landing attempt in southern Lebanon.

An Israeli military spokesman at the time denied that an Israeli soldier was captured in the Zaharani raid and said Israel was asking the International Red Cross to investigate whether the captured man might be a former soldier who was discharged from the army 10 years ago on psychological grounds. The spokesman said the man disappeared seven months before his capture by the Palestinians after telling his family he was flying to Greece.

## Shamir admits difficulties in peace process

TEL AVIV, Feb. 26 (Agencies) — Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir is "sure that the peace process between Egypt and Israel will continue," he said Thursday night. Speaking to reporters at Lod airport on his return from a four-day official visit to Egypt, Shamir acknowledged that there are "difficulties," but said he is "convinced that the Egyptians, as we ourselves, understand that the pursuit of the peace process is in their own interest."

Shamir would not specify the date of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's trip to Israel next month. Bilateral negotiations had been fruitful, Shamir said, and announced that an Israeli academic center will be established in Cairo. Talks will continue March 10, when Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali arrives in Israel, Shamir said.

The Israelis are anxious to make Mubarak's first visit as Egypt's president a full-fledged state visit. The Egyptians are more interested in low-key working sessions. Ali was quoted by the *Maariv* newspaper as telling an Israeli journalist that Mubarak's visit would have "no political significance."

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## Swiss bank secrecy on trial

By Norris Willatt

**LUGANO** — Countries concerned with taxation and foreign exchange control may complain about Swiss bank secrecy, but don't do anything about it. However, that may be changing. A court in Rome has convicted a Swiss banker, Lionello Torti, manager of the Banca del Gottardo, in Lugano, of helping Italian citizens export capital illegally to Switzerland.

Torti got a 14-month suspended prison sentence and was fined a total of about 100 million lire (about \$90,000). The bank is going to appeal. The case has aroused excitement on both sides of the frontier. For the first time it looks as if the Italians are getting tough with the banking community of their neighbors in an effort to curb the continual drain of lire out of the country.

Until now, they have limited themselves to trying to apprehend their own citizens at the frontier, caught red-handed with more than the amount legally allowed to be exported.

Torti was actually arrested in a Rome hotel, along with his chauffeur, Bruno Zappa. Both had been under surveillance for some time, on account of their frequent trips to Rome. Zappa, also charged, was acquitted.

Torti claimed his trips to Rome were to consult Italian clients about investing money they already had on deposit with his bank. Banca del Gottardo, like the more than 30 others in Lugano, is believed to live very well off the proceeds of fiduciary and other services performed for clients in Italy.

But the focus of interest of the affair, as both the Swiss and Italians are well aware, is Swiss bank secrecy. This, rather than any individual, is on trial. A Swiss banker is not supposed to reveal dealings involving a client's money, no matter where it came from, or how it got there.

Some Swiss bankers take this very seriously. Another Swiss banker, Guido Corecco, the deputy manager of Bank Leu in Zurich, was also brought to trial in Italy. He took his stand on the secrecy issue, telling the court: "In my country it's ironclad."

Be that as it may, Swiss bankers now know the risk they take if they go to meet clients in Italy who may have violated their own country's foreign exchange regulations. The risk is also increased for the clients who must now realize that the legendary Swiss bank veil of secrecy can be penetrated.

Official attitudes are hardening in France, too. Since Francois Mitterrand's election, the authorities there have been tightening their investigation of the illegal export of capital. Customs officers at Geneva and in other parts of French-speaking Switzerland, are being much more vigilant.

This has spread alarm among French citizens who have bought holiday homes and other real estate in Switzerland clandestinely. Some of them are said to have removed their names from the doors of flats; stopped telephoning to and from them; and resorted to communicating to the concierges in code.

To add to their alarm, the French authorities have invited to Paris Jean Ziegler, a Swiss Socialist member of parliament and a critic of many of his country's institutions, including banking secrecy. Ziegler has been talking publicly of huge sums of French francs that are being regularly siphoned into Swiss banks in violation of French law. He says he will accept the invitation to Paris, where he is prepared to "tell all." (ONS)

## Reagan brandishes small military stick in Central America

By Fred S. Hoffman

**WASHINGTON** — While U.S. President Ronald Reagan and other leaders of the administration have talked loudly about checking alleged Cuban-backed, Marxist insurgencies in Central America, they've so far brandished a relatively small military stick.

The top brass at the Pentagon wants to keep it that way. For one thing, defense planners are worried that any intervention in the region could turn U.S. public opinion against the military at a time it seeks a big spending boost.

Reagan, in his speech before the Organization of American States Wednesday on Central American policy, said that "we will do whatever is prudent and necessary to insure the peace and security of the Caribbean area." If the United States failed to act, he said, "new Cubas will arise from the ruins of today's conflicts."

But, as in the past, he did not mention any specific military measures that might be taken to counter what he called the "Soviet-backed, Cuban-managed support for violent revolution in Central America." Instead, the only flat statement he has made on that score was his comment a week ago that "there are no plans to send American combat troops into action any place in the world."

U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig has publicly threatened to go to "the source," meaning Cuba, to stop arms shipments to guerrillas in El Salvador. Presidential counselor Edwin Meese III

has said on at least one occasion that a naval blockade has not been "precluded."

But it is known that the joint chiefs of staff believe there is no viable military option for the United States in Central America and it is clear from private conversations that they want to avoid becoming embroiled in a war there. Among other things, the chiefs are concerned that a perceived public consensus in favor of higher defense spending might be exploded if the United States sent armed forces into Central America.

Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, on a number of occasions, has indicated he shares the view of his military chiefs, although he has acknowledged that various contingency plans have been prepared for Reagan in line with the responsibilities of the Pentagon in such matters. But Weinberger stressed last year that he believes "we're well away from the syndrome of drawing a line in the sand and saying, 'thus far and no farther.'"

The Pentagon's efforts so far have been concentrated on upgrading the forces of El Salvador with equipment and training and on helping shore up other vulnerable nations in Latin America. For example, the Reagan administration has argued for its proposed sale of F-16 fighter planes to Venezuela as essential to meet a possible threat represented by Soviet-built MiG-23 fighters in Cuba.

The navy represents the principal U.S. military presence in the Caribbean basin. Navy leaders are not anxious to commit sizable fleet elements there on a regular basis because of demands in the Indian

Ocean area, the Mediterranean and the Far East. They claim the fleet is stretched thin and the Reagan administration's big shipbuilding program will not bear fruit.

Last fall, the Pentagon created a new U.S. military command for the Caribbean, placing it under a navy rear admiral at Key West, Florida some 144 kms from Cuba. The new command so far is largely symbolic, having no permanently assigned forces.

There has been increased attention paid to naval exercises in the Caribbean and the Gulf of Mexico for which Weinberger has noted about half of NATO's oil supplies would be carried from U.S. gulf ports to Western Europe.

About the time Reagan was speaking to the OAS, Admiral Harry D. Train II, supreme allied commander for the Atlantic, announced from his Norfolk, Virginia, headquarters a major NATO maritime exercise next March, the first such multinational maneuver to be held in the Gulf of Mexico. Although NATO navies have taken part in Caribbean exercises in the past, most recently in October, the new maneuvers called "Safe Pass" are being regarded as having diplomatic-political importance, as well as purely naval drills.

Six NATO nations, including the United States, will contribute nearly 30 ships, about 80 planes and nearly 10,000 personnel. The countries include Belgium, Canada, West Germany, the Netherlands and Britain, along with the United States. Last November, the Pentagon announced that the first six-ship squadron of Hydrofoil missile ships will be

stationed at Key West. These ships, carrying guns and anti-ship Harpoon missiles, will provide some U.S. muscle in the important straits of Florida separating the United States and Cuba.

Under study is the rejuvenation of the Key West base which a decade ago was home for a destroyer squadron, a submarine squadron, air defense interceptors and anti-aircraft missiles. However, officials caution that it will take lots of money and time to dredge the Key West base harbor, which they said has become silted, and to build and refurbish the necessary housing, maintenance and support structure for perhaps five destroyers.

These officials say the Cuban Navy, though still small, represents a growing blue-water threat to essential U.S. sea lanes in the area and that this threat must be countered. (AP)

## TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Saturday, Feb. 27th, the 58th day of 1982. There are 307 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1560 — Treaty of Berwick between England and lords of Scottish congregation calling for expulsion of French from Scotland.

1700 — Southwest Pacific Island of New Britain is discovered by English navigator William Dampier.

1861 — Warsaw massacre occurs when crowd is fired upon by Russian troops during demonstration against Russian rule.

1881 — Boers defeat British force under G. Coley at Majuba Hill in South Africa.

1889 — Railroad is opened in Burma from Rangoon to Mandalay.

1900 — British defeat Boers in battle of Paardeberg in Africa, the outcome leading to creation of Union of South Africa.

1929 — Turkey signs Litvinov Protocol, or Eastern Pact, between Russia, Estonia, Latvia, Poland and Romania, for renunciation of war.

1933 — Reichstag, German parliament building in Berlin, is burned and Nazis blame Communists.

1939 — Britain and France recognize Gen. Francisco Franco's government in Spain.

1968 — Britain's House of Commons approves bill to restrict colored immigration to Britain.

1974 — Ethiopia's cabinet resigns as military mutiny spreads from captured city of Asmara.

1976 — Eskimo leaders in Canada present government with claim to quarter-of-a-million square miles of land.

1979 — U.S. President Jimmy Carter calls on China to undertake "speedy withdrawal" from Vietnam.

1980 — Guerrillas storm Dominican Republic's embassy in Bogota, Colombia, taking dozens of people hostage.

## Thought for today:

Nationalism is an infantile disease. It is the measles of mankind — Albert Einstein, German-born physicist (1879-1955).

## POLISARIO RECOGNITION

Eleven African countries have now withdrawn from the meeting of the Organization of African Unity in Addis Ababa. The withdrawals, which were led by Morocco, were in protest against allowing the Polisario Front to take part in the meeting, under the name of the Sahraoui Arab Democratic Republic.

Anger at this recognition of the Polisario Front was intensified when it was learned that it was extended unilaterally by the OAU's Secretariat, that neither the organization's presidency nor the membership as a whole was consulted before hand.

This was a point emphasized by King Hassan of Morocco in his statement on the issue, who accused the secretariat of jeopardizing both the organization and its president through the move. He also said that the move strikes at the heart of the solution which the OAU had worked out for the Sahara dispute, which involved a referendum enabling the Sahraoui people to determine their own destiny. Morocco had accepted this, as well as the ceasefire which was to precede it.

The extent of the opposition to the secretariat's move has been such that President Moi of Kenya, who is the current OAU president, is expected to rescind the recognition, as a way of staving off the session's complete collapse.

## Saudi Arabian press review

The successful outcome achieved by the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) interior ministers during their meeting in Riyadh this week. Wednesday's graduation of the 21st batch of pilots and technicians from King Faisal Air Academy and the return of U.S. special envoy Philip Habib to the Middle East figured for editorial comment in Friday's newspapers.

Referring to the interior ministers' attendance of Wednesday's graduation of a new batch of pilots and technicians from King Faisal Air Academy, *Al-Jazirah* said, "The ministers' presence in such military event reflects the deep coordination and cooperation existing among the GCC's security and defense bodies to preserve stability, sovereignty and welfare of the Gulf region."

"The ultimate goals of collective security cannot be separated from the defensive ones, which aim to enhance the GCC states' capabilities and enable them to bear their full responsibility in defending every inch of their territories and ensuring their progress and prosperity", it added.

*Al-Madinah* dealt with the recent ministerial meetings in Riyadh and said holding such conferences in Riyadh emphasizes the Kingdom's sincere desire "to cooperate with the Arab and Gulf brothers toward forming a collective solid front to defend the rights and values of the Arab and Muslim states and achieve their progress and welfare."

On the return of U.S. special envoy Philip Habib to the Middle East amid an imminent Israeli wide-scale assault on the Palestinian camps in southern Lebanon, *Okaz* said Habib's mission will have little impact on easing tension in Lebanon and foiling the vicious Zionist designs.

The paper urged the Arabs to close their ranks and establish a unified front to defeat the Zionist challenges and force Washington to change its blind bias toward the aggressive Zionist enemy.

"Only a collective strong Arab stance can have a strong impact on Washington and the whole Western and Eastern nations to back Arab rights", the paper said. (SPA)

## Arms sale to Taiwan strains U.S.-China ties

By Eric Hall

**PEKING** — Ten years after former U.S. President Richard Nixon opened the way to normalization of Sino-U.S. relations, the issue of U.S. arms sales to Taiwan is straining ties between Peking and Washington. Over the past two months, the proposed sales have brought the United States and China to what Chinese Vice-Foreign Minister Zhong Xidong has called "a crisis point."

Despite President Reagan's decision last January not to sell the Chinese Nationalist island advanced U.S. F-16 and F-5G combat aircraft, his plans to continue supplies of the F-5E, which Taiwan already has, brought howls of rage from China. Peking's indignation is based on the wording of the Sino-U.S. normalization of relations treaty in December, 1978.

This said both countries agreed that "the government of the People's Republic of China is the sole legal government of China and Taiwan is a part of China." The document said this reaffirmed the principles agreed on in the "Shanghai communique" issued during Nixon's China visit, but the wording in the document of Feb. 28, 1972 was in fact ambiguous over whether Peking was the sole legal government.

The relevant section of the communique reads: "The United States acknowledges that all Chinese on both sides of the Taiwan Strait maintain there is but one China and that Taiwan is a part of China."

The United States does not challenge this position."

On the basis of the 1978 agreement, Peking has accused the U.S. of violation of its sovereignty by the continued sales. The issue remains the single most serious barrier to a relationship which since 1972 has been nurtured by a succession of visiting U.S. presidents and senior officials to Peking and a growing two-way trade.

Peking has threatened to downgrade relations with the U.S. if Washington sells advanced arms to Taiwan, as it did with the Netherlands after the Dutch government agreed to sell Taipei two submarines. However, this threat to the U.S. has always been vague and Zhong's statement, while saying China would not be moved on questions of principle, also noted it had shown flexibility by agreeing to negotiate a solution.

Talks are now underway and though both sides have sworn to keep the contents secret, U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig has said negotiations are at a critical stage.

The U.S. has itself always said the Taiwan question must be settled peacefully. Former President Carter said after restoration of Sino-U.S. diplomatic relations in 1978, "The U.S. continues to have an interest in the peaceful resolution of the Taiwan issue and expects (it) will be settled peacefully by the Chinese themselves."

Peking said recently that it was "willing to negotiate with the U.S. for an end to the sales within a time limit." This was the first public mention that Peking would accept a deadline and implicitly reco-

gnized the sales would continue for the present, but press reports say the Chinese are believed to have pressed this point in talks with Washington.

But Zhong's stern words later were seen by diplomats as a counter to suggestions that China had made a major concession by this. On the contrary, they saw the offer of a deadline as an attempt to make Peking appear reasonable at Washington's expense.

Zhong himself said later that China felt it had shown great restraint and the U.S. would only have itself to blame if the carefully forged links between the two countries were damaged.

Diplomatic sources note China has reserved its most vociferous attacks for right-wing elements in the United States who have been pressing Reagan to continue the arms sales. This showed China realized domestic issues also affected President Reagan's handling of the situation, they said.

Taiwan itself has made repeated pleas to the U.S. to supply the advanced jet fighters, quoting the Taiwan Relations Act. The act stipulates that Washington will continue to supply selective defensive weapons which Taipei needs to safeguard its security.

China has said Sino-U.S. trade may suffer over the dispute, but Vice-Foreign Trade Minister Liu Xiwen said China would abide by all agreements to import U.S. grain, which it needs. And in the words of one diplomat, the fact that both Washington and Peking are still talking indicates a mutual desire to see a satisfactory solution. (R)



## Browsers marvel

## Muslim traditions, handicrafts helped to shape India's culture

By Robert Fraga

NEW DELHI — Browsers at the Uttar Pradesh (U.P.) Emporium, just off New Delhi's bustling Connaught Place, are invited to marvel at the wares on display in the store's glass cases; the marble inlay work, enameled brassware, glass bracelets, and embroidered silks rarely fail to seduce even the most jaded of tourists. What visitors are often unaware of, however, as their souvenirs are neatly packaged, is that with those brown-paper-wrapped parcels, they are being presented with evidence of India's Muslim heritage: numerous handicrafts which flourished, particularly in U.P., the heartland of the Moghul Empire, under centuries of Muslim rule on the subcontinent.

## Marble Inlay

Agra, home of the Taj Mahal, is a center of marble inlay work. In dozens of tiny workshops, tucked away in the city's crowded roads and alleyways, craftsmen fashion plates and boxes of creamy-grey marble, chased with floral designs in semi-precious stones.

The age of the average craftsmen engaged in this work is young: beginning at the tender age of 8 or 9, a marble-working artisan continues to ply his trade until his early 20's when he switches profession. The nature of the job — which includes shaping the tiny semi-precious stones on a wheel driven by a bamboo rod — requires a delicate touch. Years on the wheel inflict a punishment on the worker's hands which, it is said, will lead eventually to the loss of those hands or even the worker's life if he continues at it too long.

Marble for the exquisite pieces manufactured at Agra is quarried in nearby Rajasthan, at a place called Murana, about 165 kilometers

away. Of the stones used in the inlay, however, only jade and mother of pearl are found abundantly in India. Lapis lazuli comes from Afghanistan; Iraq provides carnelian and turquoise. Agate is shipped from Sri Lanka, green malachite from Zambia, and golden tiger's eye from Kenya. Onyx comes from the depths of distant Belgium.

The marble is stained an orange-pink before the work of incising floral patterns is begun. This makes it easier to see the patterns as they emerge. After hollows are chipped out of the marble, bits of semi-precious stone — some no bigger than a stub of straw — are glued in place. The plate is then rubbed with emery and the orange-pink stain washed off.

## Brassware

The city of Moradabad, between Lucknow and Delhi, is home to the enamel brassware for which the region is famous. Best known of this genre is an intricately patterned design colored red, white, blue, and gold called "chicken work." It suggests the Herati pattern found in many Persian carpets leads one to speculate that the Moghul emperors of India, who maintained close cultural and political ties with the Safavid dynasty of Persia, might have imported certain decorative motifs employed by Afghani and Persian craftsmen. A black and gold, radially symmetric design, called "bidri work," is found most often on wall plates. Another recurrent feature in this enamelware is the representation of a peacock whose gorgeous plumage offers ample scope to the artistic imagination of Indian artists. Besides fruit and nut bowls, Moradabad also produces lamps and vases about 18 inches in height with subtle green and gold enamel designs over the entire brass surface of these pieces.

## Glassware

Ferozabad is the seat of a homelier but charming industry: the manufacture of glass bracelets. Designed to be worn by women, these diminutive rings of glass are termed "meena work" when more than one color is employed in their manufacture. Tiny notches and gold painting are the final touches on these handsome ornaments. The 12-foot-high peacock screen at the Oberoi International Taj Restaurant in Delhi is composed of similarly produced glass beads which offer viewers an idea of the splendid effect such humble objects can achieve when assembled by master craftsmen.

## Weaving

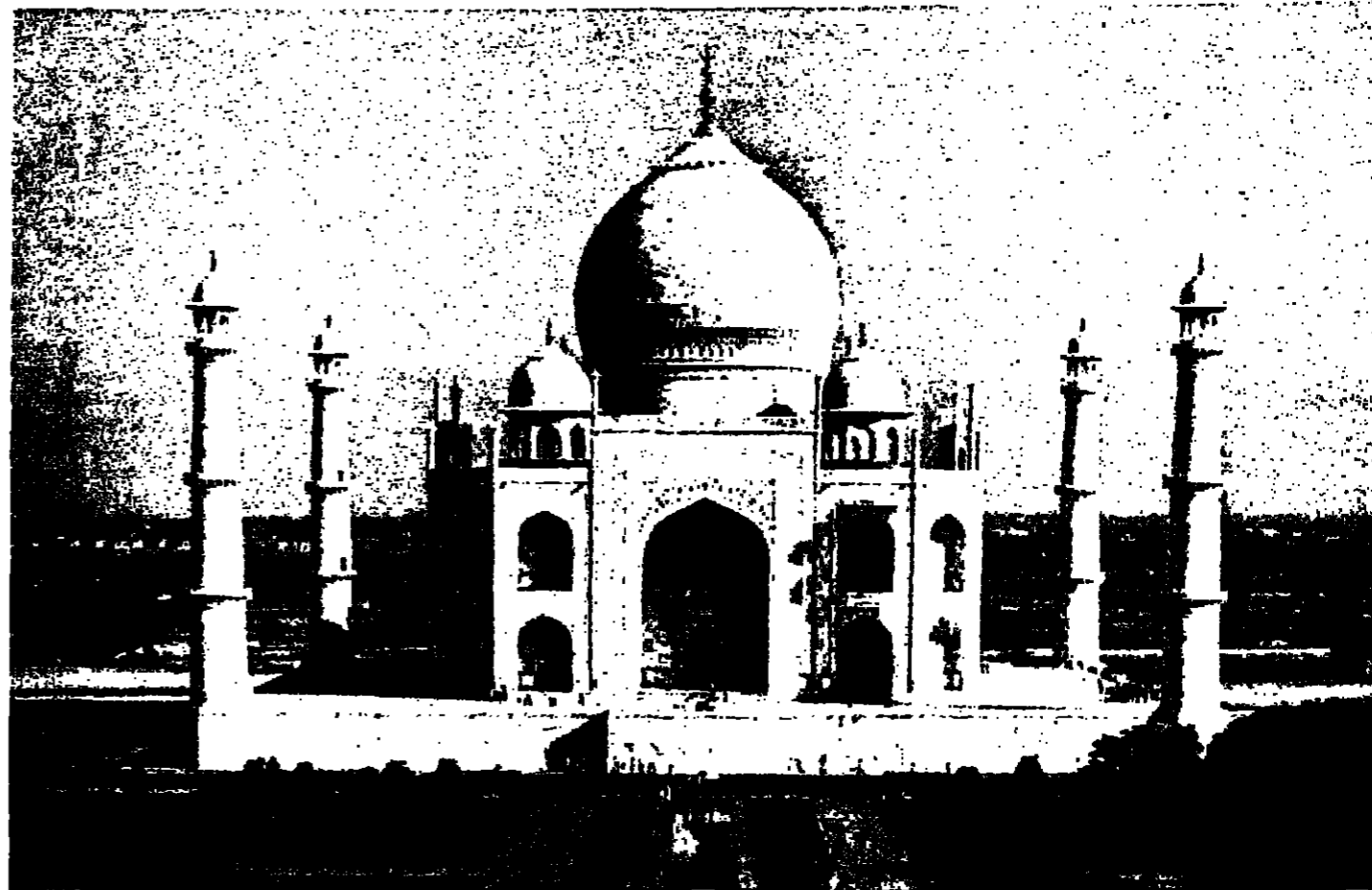
The word "humble" can scarcely describe the brocaded silks produced in the ancient city of Varanasi. Although the art of weaving goes back literally for millennia in India, it was Muslim weavers located at this fabled juncture of the Ganges and Varuna Rivers who brought the art to its zenith.

Again a cottage industry, Varanasi weaving is today carried out on a loom equipped with a cylinder of perforated cards. Developed in France by Joseph Marie Jacquard in 1805, this attachment is an automatic selective shedding device — a sort of crafts precursor of the punchcards fed into a 20th century computer compiler. Like punchcards, the Jacquard attachment, operated by the weaver with a treadle, "tells" the loom what pattern is to be woven. With the aid of this device, weavers working in pairs take from two weeks to three months to produce the fluorescent, gold-brocaded saris for which Varanasi has become world famous.

Because of its cost, pure gold thread is rarely used in the day-to-day operation at most Varanasi ateliers. Instead, a gold-covered silk thread — 22 k is the best of the common qualities — is employed to work designs into the silk which is transported from Bangalore and north Bengal. Chemical dyes are used to give the silk its lustrous, light-sensitive sheen.

A less costly but equally venerable Varanasi art is cloth printing. Vegetable dyes are employed on cotton saris, stretched and pinned to worktables 6 meters long. A worker, wielding a wooden block press, impregnates it with dye of the desired color and works his way around the table, pressing the block against the cotton time and time again to make the border pattern with a canny accuracy. Steaming holds the colors fast; changing color requires a thorough washing in water and brushing of the printing block.

India, a country which has experienced invasion and occupation throughout her long history, possesses the ability to absorb alien influences; perhaps more than other peoples, Indians preserve rather than transform what they are exposed to. The flourishing Muslim handicrafts of Uttar Pradesh bear witness to the diversity and wealth of Indian culture.



TAJ MAHAL: This architectural wonder was built by the Moghul Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal. The Taj is situated in Agra, a city near the Indian capital, New Delhi.

## National problems tackled

## New development programs, goals reshape Asia's agricultural image

By Rodolfo Fernandez

LOS BANOS, Philippines (Depthnews) — Research is gradually reshaping the image of agriculture in Asia. This phenomenon began to take shape in the past two decades, particularly from 1965 to 1974 which has been dubbed as "The Decade of Awakening" in relation to the world-food poverty-population problem.

Asia's emerging agricultural modernization can be significantly attributed to Asia's development and strengthening of national agricultural research systems (NARS).

From 1965 to 1974 period, many Asian countries, except India which acted much earlier, began setting up research mechanisms to solve their agricultural development problems. Many had chalked up resounding success in this regard.

Others were not similarly successful due to formidable constraints. But these countries are nevertheless optimistic that they can eventually make their NARS a potent tool in the pursuit of their development goals.

The less successful nations have reason to be hopeful, stressed Director Joseph C. Madamba of the Philippine Government-hosted Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA) based about 65 kilometers southeast of Manila.

Dr. Madamba, who has been involved in efforts to develop and strengthen the NARS of several Asian countries, noted that India, Indonesia and South Korea have developed viable mechanisms for implementing national agricultural research and development programs. The Philippines, on the other hand, has one of the mechanisms for planning a national program.

"In general," he said, "it is probably only in the Philippines, India and South Korea where research program planning has moved

beyond the specific institution orientation to encompass a national perspective of gearing research to tackle national problems in agricultural development."

Recently, Indonesia and Bangladesh have taken steps to inject the national perspective into their research program planning. However, in other Asian countries research planning is essentially geared to a specific institution's perspective.

The Philippine experience is best appreciated when one considers that before 1972, agricultural research was not making a substantial impact on the economy despite large sums of government funds being spent annually; that there was hardly any planning and coordination at the national level; that there was inefficient use and fragmentary distribution of research resources; and that efforts were not directed to help solve national problems.

But the creation of the Philippine Council for Agriculture and Resources Research (PCARR) on November 10, 1972 ushered in a new era in agriculture and resources research in the country.

Over time, said Dr. Madamba who was PCARR's first director general, the Council has evolved a mechanism for planning, reviewing, monitoring and evaluating agriculture research programs. Moreover, there is now a methodical way of ranking priorities in the national research program as well as a system of allocating funds.

Turning to the Indian experience, Dr. Madamba noted that for almost three decades, India's NARS was a mere coordinative mechanism. In 1965 the research institutions as well as programs of the agricultural universities were placed under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). Only then was a forward surge in India's agriculture realized.

Today India has one of the strongest and

most viable research systems in Asia. This is eloquently illustrated by India's transformation from the "begging bowl of the world" into a "breadbasket of South Asia," as indicated by a World Bank report that the country has become an exporter of rice, wheat barley and other cereals.

Notwithstanding the initial success so far attained by some Asian countries, much remains to be done before these research systems could be welded into a potent instrument for national development.

As it is, so many factors continue to impede agricultural growth in many Asian nations.

Among these are the rapid population increase; diminishing farmlands; diminishing productivity of farmlands; shortage of funds for research and highly trained agricultural manpower; lack of appropriate research and development facilities; appropriate documentation/information services; and enlightened rapport between the research community and government policy-makers; and wrong orientation of many agriculture programs.

Be that as it may, efforts have not been wanting to solve these problems, Dr. Madamba emphasized. He added that the formidability of agricultural and rural development problems confronting Asian countries should not faze leaders and development workers. "The example set by India and the People's Republic of China gives enough reasons to be hopeful," he stressed. "With their strong political will, these two most populous nations on earth have systematically tackled their problems — problems which are also prevalent in other Asian countries."

Moreover international, regional as well as bilateral assistance organizations have been established and have developed working relationships among themselves to serve Asia's development needs.

## Plan changes, home relocations slow Manila airport project's opening

By Joel Palacios

MANILA, (R) — A new multi-million-dollar terminal for Manila's international airport will be opened next month after a delay of two years, government officials say. The opening date for the four-story concrete building, now scheduled for March 31, has been hit by escalating construction costs and delayed by a change of design and local resistance.

Most of the 32 airlines using the airport also asked for a postponement of the opening last year saying they had not had time to build offices and ticket counters because of a lack of "vital communications network."

The new terminal, partly financed by the Manila-based Asian Development Bank, is within sight of the existing buildings serving international flights.

The original estimated cost was 543.7 mil-

lion pesos (about \$66 million) but price adjustments caused by the energy crisis helped push the final bill to about 800 million pesos (more than \$96 million).

Work on the project, which covers a total land area of more than 1,500 acres, began in 1978 and was completed last November. Officials said completion had originally been set for 1980.

The project was held up by submissions from the International Air Transport Association (IATA), which asked for a change of building design, and protests from nearby homeowners and squatters.

It was finally completed after the plans had been altered and the homeowners and squatters resettled. Resettling cost about 100 million pesos (\$12 million) with most of the money going on right-of-way acquisitions

and compulsory purchase of properties.

Project officer Felipe Gonzales said the terminal had to be changed mid-way through construction because the IATA had called for the floor area to be expanded to meet an expected increase in traffic in the next few years.

"The change of the building plans was the main factor, but the acquisition of property rights and relocation of squatters also contributed to the delayed completion on the project," he added.

Gonzales said the new airport complex will be able to service 14 jumbo jets at a time with parking space for further planes. "Our traffic now is 2.2 million passengers a year but this is expected to increase in the next few years," he added.

"The new airport offers the traveler modern facilities such as boarding bridges, a flight information system, a security system with cameras and monitors, and a more sophisticated baggage system with conveyors," he added.

Gonzales said the airport, equipped to handle 1,750 passengers an hour, was expected to make at least 150 million pesos (\$18 million) a year.

President Ferdinand Marcos' wife, Imelda, who is also the governor of metropolitan Manila, has announced that a new hotel will also be built nearby.

Tourists and people in transit in Manila would be able to enjoy full facilities at the hotel without leaving the airport site, she said.

Enrique Santos, a vice-president of the government-owned Philippine Airlines Company, said "it will be a remarkable change in terms of convenience and comfort for airline passengers."

He said the company which is installing a communications system open to all airlines using the terminal, was making every effort to meet the needs of the new airport.

Philippine Airlines, which is also providing the ground handling facilities, "is working toward the April 1 deadline," he added.

Most of the 32 airline companies which use the airport asked for the postponement of the opening last year criticizing what they called the "over-anxiousness of public works officials to make the airport operational."



GATEWAY OF INDIA: The monument to welcome King George V, the grandfather of the present queen of England, Elizabeth, was erected in Bombay.

## Every anniversary commemorated

## Edgar Wallace's books tranquilize; Germans applaud his 'dream quality'

By Robin Smyth

BONN — Like any Edgar Wallace character in a tight corner, Daniel Westermarck shuddered. He had just been asked where Wallace lived in London when he was writing *The Squaker*.

"Elgin Crescent?" Daniel ventured, Edgar Wallace fans watching the quiz on German TV a few nights ago gasped. The great panjandrum of thriller writers lived in broken-down Elgin Crescent early in his career when he was writing *The Four Just Men*.

Daniel, who is 10 and had told the Munich studio audience that he had been reading Wallace "from an early age," had thrown away his chance of winning the \$4,000 Edgar Wallace jubilee jackpot. His rival, a housewife who knew the names of Wallace's racehorses, walked away with the prize watched by thriller writer Penel-Ope Wallace who obligingly chain-smoked cigarettes through her father's long holder.

Wallace died 50 years ago on Feb. 10, 1932, and nowhere is the anniversary more devotedly commemorated than in West Germany. Goldmann Verlag of Munich has sold 40 million Wallace books since it secured his contract in 1926.

At the end of January Goldmann dropped on the German public five million paperbacks of 82 Wallace thrillers in a limited jubilee edition at a dollar a copy. The books, in their bright red covers, are being displayed in large cardboard cartons under the famous photograph of the author which impressed his contemporaries as tough and sophisticated but in which we may now see a sad old nightbird bleared with cigarette smoke and sweet tea.

Richard Horatio Edgar Wallace was the son of Polly Richards, an impoverished actress who farmed him out when he was a few days old to the family of a potter in London's Billingsgate fish market. His mother's tenuous livelihood depended on her concealing from her benefactress, a successful domineering actress, that it was her spoiled actor son who was the father of the infant Edgar Wallace. The boy grew up in the London streets, pushing a milk cart from door to door and selling newspapers at Ludgate Circus, near St Paul's cathedral.

When he discovered his true identity he was filled with resentment against the mother who deserted him. At the height of his success, Polly Richards, old and destitute, is said to have come to him for help and been coldly turned away.

After serving in the army in South Africa, Wallace became a foreign correspondent for Reuters and then joined the London *Daily Mail*. He wrote *The Four Just Men* in 1905 and *Sanders of the River* six years later.

It was not until the end of the Great War that his career really took off. For 12 years he turned out thrillers at a hectic pace. A few like *The Ringer* became successful stage plays — George du Maurier produced it in London

and it became *Der Hexer* under Max Reinhardt in Berlin. Towards the end of his career Wallace was directing his own films. Success brought racehorses, Rolls-Royces, houses, servants, house parties — and debts. He married twice and had three children.

"He was a good father," says his daughter Penelope "and I was allowed to interrupt his work at any time."

He grew fat on sweet tea and haggard on night work. The cigarettes never went out except when he was asleep or in the film studio. When he was 56, working feverishly in Hollywood to recoup his fortunes, he died suddenly of inflammation of the lung.

Chiefly disappointing is the lack of authentic London atmosphere. While young Edgar was selling milk he was too busy dreaming of escape into a golden future to take in his surroundings. The Thames wharves emerge vividly from the opening pages of *The India Rubber Men*, but elsewhere the London scenery is drab theatrical stock. There is not the smallest whiff of Billingsgate, and not even a real fog or a gas lamp shining on a wet pavement.

What someone said about the absence around President Nixon of the friends he had when his father kept a grocery store fits Wallace too: "He rose without a trace."

As a young man in South Africa Wallace was apparently already a reactionary whose opinions about the Boers made even the die-

hards blush. His list of untouchables included deviates the British working man.

But when he began mixing with the Lord Darbys and Roseberys he wasn't good at describing them either. His numerous peers and countesses are — like the pale well-born girls of impeccable purity who have fallen on hard times from which they are rescued by young heroes of a lower social station — figments of the same boyhood dream.

It is this dream quality which is ultimately the charm of Edgar Wallace. Despite the obvious efforts to be modern his plots are comfortably old-fashioned and Gothic and steeped in wish fulfillment.

A number of them — *The Blue Hand*, *The India Rubber Men*, *The Dead Eyes of London*, *The Frightened Lady* — revolve around lost babies who grow up unaware that they are the heirs to vast fortunes. Here Wallace was plainly stanching the wound of his own misbegottenness. The mothers are forcibly parted from the infants and suffer in their efforts to find them.

Like Spaghetti Westerns elsewhere, a long series of Wurst Wallaces was turned out by German film studios in the 1960s with celebrated actors like Klaus Kinski. Hardly a month now goes by without one of them appearing as the late-night film on TV to ease the pressure of the national anxiety.

It is impossible not to be tranquilized by Edgar Wallace.

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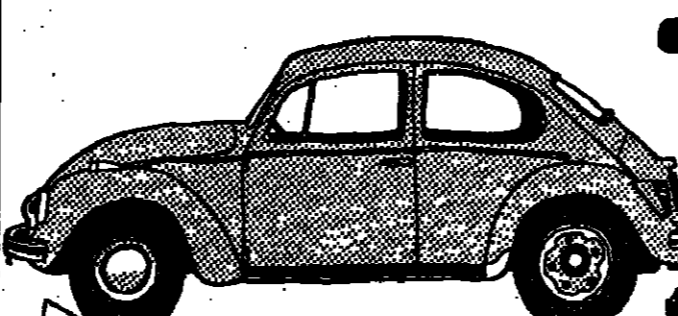
**NOTE BRAKE SHOES SHOULD BE ADJUSTED WHEN THE DRUMS ARE COLD AND NEVER ADJUST ONE WHEEL ALONE.**

## TOOLS FOR THE JOB

**JACK, AXLE STANDS OR BLOCKS OF WOOD, CHOCKS AND BRAKE ADJUSTING SPANNER OR SCREWDRIVER.**

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**1 APPLY THE HANDBRAKE OR, IF WORKING ON A REAR WHEEL, FULLY RELEASE THE HANDBRAKE AND CHOCK THE CAR SECURELY**

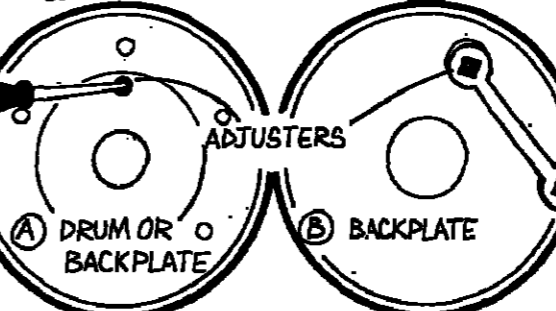


**2 JACK UP THE WHEEL UNTIL CLEAR OF THE GROUND AND TURN THE ADJUSTER UNTIL THE WHEEL LOCKS.**

**3 BACK OFF THE ADJUSTER JUST ENOUGH TO ALLOW THE WHEEL TO TURN FREELY.**

**4 REPEAT WITH THE OTHER THREE WHEELS AND TEST THE BRAKES.**

**ADJUSTERS VARY FROM CAR TO CAR. A & B ARE THE TWO MAIN TYPES.**



**IN (A) TURN THE WHEEL UNTIL THE HOLE IN THE DRUM (OR BACKPLATE) IS IN LINE WITH THE ADJUSTER USING A SCREWDRIVER TURN THE SERRATED NUTS (USUALLY CLOCKWISE TO CLOSE).**

**IN (B) TURN THE SQUARE OR HEXAGON HEAD (AGAIN USUALLY CLOCKWISE). ON THE FRONT BRAKES OF BOTH TYPES THERE IS USUALLY A SEPARATE ADJUSTER FOR EACH SHOE. THESE MUST BE ADJUSTED INDIVIDUALLY.**

## Why do people smoke?

# There are different reasons; result is the same

By Y. Tahir

"Oh, it is so easy to give up smoking," boasted a heavy smoker. "I've done it dozens of times. I can give it up again whenever I like." Other smokers may not have been so successful, however there is hope for them. A smoker sticks to his smoking like a barnacle to the bottom of a ship.

Some people like to divide human beings into two classes, namely, those who smoke and those who don't. But this seems to be rather an artificial and arbitrary division. We shouldn't forget that the variations of behavior and individual differences in character of smokers are not any less than found in non-smokers.

Like the field of boxing, the world of smoking is also divided into three main categories. (though we are not aware of any regular championships in this field): the heavy smokers — they are bound to be tight in weight, the light smokers, and the not-so-heavy-but-not-so-light smokers.

Apart from this, there are different types of smokers. The compulsive smoker, who feels helpless when the craving for nicotine grips him. He usually sticks to his own brand of cigarette and doesn't like it much when somebody asks him for one. The social smoker, who feels the urge to smoke only in the pres-

ence of other people. They accept a cigarette with an ingratiating smile. Then there are the occasional smokers who don't smoke until they are convinced that they should smoke now. The disciplined smokers, who exert a lot of self-control over their smoking. They won't normally smoke unless it is their time to smoke.

Yet another type comprises people who may be labeled as perfunctory smokers — the poor victims of chance (or mischance!) on whom smoking is thrust by their environment. They are forced to inhale the exhaled smoke of the smokers around them. These unwitting or unwitting victims often constitute the silent majority.

Another important type is those smokers who could be described as a mixture of the occasional and the social smokers, or an improvement over both. The smoker in this group always sticks to only one brand: the "OPC", that is "Other People's Cigarettes." He has perfected the art of smoking at others' expense. He devises ingenious methods to ensure that he keeps getting his favorite brand. His pleasant manners and winning smiles do him no harm. What is most admirable in these smokers is that they have managed to keep their throats immunized to the ill-effects of different brands! The OPC smoker is sure to carry a match-box or a

lighter on him. Whenever a person is about to light his cigarette, he is pleasantly surprised to see a light held under his moustache. Of course, courtesy demands that the good manners shown by the one should be reciprocated by the other. There seems to be no escape from the cigarette-offering situation.

Most annoying to the genuine, dedicated smoker is the person who can't really stop smoking, but is "trying to give it up." He unabashedly asks for a cigarette, not as a favor but as a matter of right. It would seem that by accepting a cigarette he is conferring a privilege on the giver. Many people consider that the mere act of smoking by itself gives distinction to them and imposes some sort of comradeship upon other smokers.

Other unwelcome smokers are those whose smoking depends upon the sweet will of their wives. When their cigarette money is drastically cut, they approach another smoker with a shame-faced smile. "My wife, er... you see... he! he!" Taking pity you offer a cigarette.

Man is lured by nature to chase the elusive goal of matrimonial bliss forever. Anything, or for that matter, nothing at all, can cause the sombre clouds to blot out the sunshine of the home. Unhappiness increases when you are not even aware of the cause. After doing everything right as much as was in your

power, you are made to wonder, "What went wrong?"

Smoking provides a definite answer to this otherwise baffling question. When nothing else can be found to bicker about, smoking comes in handy. It becomes the scapegoat for everything. Most husbands are so much addicted to nagging that they would feel lost if it were to come to a stop all of a sudden. But no, it has to come.

"You smoke too much!" says she. "Not at all," he mumbles. "I have cut it down. This month, for example, I only..." He is not allowed to say what he wants to say. Or it might start like this. "But for this smoking of yours, we could have bought a house!" she bursts out. The retort that all the non-smokers do not live in their own houses, is not calculated to bring about peace in the house.

Smoking, even when money matters are not involved, still remains a wonderful source of nagging. For example, the husband can't get up at once to do something as long as there is a lit cigarette in his fingers. The wife had better wait until he is through with it, or... Well!

The dress publishes a man. If you see someone with one or two burnt holes in his shirt or trousers, it is sure that you are face to face with a heavy smoker. It is true that smoking has already burnt a hole in his pocket. A heavy or a chain-smoker, by definition, is a person who claims that he doesn't smoke while he is eating or sleeping. But you can't be too sure about the former activity. He is the man who doesn't count, hence doesn't know, how many cigarettes he actually smokes during the day. On being asked about it, he usually reduces the number to what looks to him to be a reasonable figure. "But that's too much!" you might say. He realizes that smoking is bad, but he is incapable of talking against it without lighting a cigarette. He has to smoke sitting or standing; going to or coming from his place of work. He must smoke whether he is calm or agitated; happy or depressed; idle or pensive. Whether he is writing with his cigarette, like the proverbial professor, and trying to smoke his pen, is quite besides the point.

The smoker's cough may not be a very good thing from the point of view of health, but it comes to the rescue of a poor speaker, who after every few words is forced to clear his throat. This gives him more time to think. Thieves are unlikely to venture into the house of a smoker. More often than not, he would be found sitting up clearing his lungs right at the time they chose to make their nocturnal visit. Anyway, smoking cannot be recommended as a substitute for a burglar's alarm.

Smoking and pleasure have wrongly been associated with each other in the minds of many people. If you ask a smoker what pleasure he gets out of smoking, his candid reply would be: none! Then why do so many people smoke so much?

Different reasons are cited as the explana-



**RARE REPTILE:** This Fiji banded iguana was the first of its species ever hatched at the San Diego Zoo in California. This iguana is one of fewer than 20 of its kind in zoo collections worldwide. The iguana is an endangered species in its native Fiji Islands, where it inhabits the remaining forests, as well as coconut plantations and abandoned gardens. A mongoose species introduced by settlers to the South Pacific islands threatens the iguana's survival by eating its eggs and young. This baby is 11 inches long from its mouth to tip of its tail.

tion, but none is satisfactory. The best answer is that people smoke for no particular reason at all. So the smokers deserve all the praise for burning their money, not to say anything about their health, without getting any pleasure out of it. They selflessly support huge

cigarette industries. Not only that, they are the people who finance costly research programs on smoking and its effects on health. No other research in the field of medicine has been carried on for so long at such a great expense and has been so inconclusive.

## Inclinor comforts patients

By a science correspondent  
LONDON — Although patients today are being kept in bed for shorter and shorter periods, and the aim of modern treatment is to get them up and about as quickly as possible, there are still many people who have to spend long spells in bed.

For them the ability to sit up comfortably in the bed is a major boon. And that is usually achieved by the use of a bed-rest. But this involves all the trouble of lifting the patient up to put the rest in position and then arranging the pillows to make him comfortable.

All this has been simplified with the introduction of a mattress inclinor, which allows the user to sit or recline in bed at varying angles, and totally unaided. The portable unit consists of an inflatable heavy duty special purpose air container, positioned between rigid supports. A flexible air-tube is connected to its own small compressor unit, which is then connected to a source of electric. The unit is activated through a rotary slide switch, connected to the compressor unit through a three-core cable to a DIN socket.

This switch can be operated to meet the user's requirements by giving an infinitely variable number of positions between prone

and upright. The operation is through a "joy-stick", which makes control extremely easy for those with crippled or weak fingers or hands. In addition, the hand switch includes a press button to sound a buzzer if the user needs attention.

## Diet supplement for healthy fish

By a science correspondent  
LONDON — A new dietary supplement will make trout and piscivorous species cultivated on special farms, healthier, fatter and happier. Fosol is marketed as an ingredient for fish food formulas and is the first to provide a correct balance of fatty acids necessary for piscine well-being.

The supplement, a golden brown liquid, is a blend of natural and stabilized oils known to be important in the dietary lipid requirements of all aquatic species. Trials have shown that fish with up to 8 percent of the supplement produce faster growth and greater feed conversion efficiency than diets containing similar quantities of other oils.

## LOW CHOLESTEROL AS HEART ATTACK PREVENTATIVE?



## STOP KILLING YOURSELF

Dear Dr. Steincrow: I'm preventive medicine-minded. I'm willing to install expensive sprinkler systems in my factory to protect the buildings against fire. In the same way, I'd like to install protective measures in my own body to prevent heart attack.

The reason I'm so aware of the heart is that my father and an uncle died of coronary attacks when they were in their middle 50s. I'm now 46.

I've read and heard that a high cholesterol is the greatest danger. I'm prepared to surrender some of my favorite foods, if it is necessary for me to have a cholesterol under 300. I smoke only moderately and am only 15 to 20 pounds overweight. I'd like to get at the cholesterol first. Do you have my suggestions? — Mr. W.

Dear Mr. W.: If you're really interested in prevention, you'll have to learn to go all the way. What I mean is that willingness to lower your cholesterol is commendable; but not your apparent unconcern about your weight and smoking.

High cholesterol isn't the GREATEST danger to the heart. In fact, we aren't certain that it is tied indirectly with heart attacks. There are other factors that may be more important.

Hypertension is one. How high is your pressure, Mr. W.? I personally believe that smoking is perhaps the greatest enemy of the heart than all the rest. Yet who is to say that obesity and hypertension may not even be greater threats than smoking itself?

Keep remembering that it isn't the cholesterol level alone that's important. Think of the package: obesity, hypertension smoking, high levels of cholesterol and triglycerides, possible diabetes, abnormal tension.

Too many like yourself, Mr. W., are willing to prevent one or two parts of the package from threatening the heart. For example, giving up drinking but continue to smoke; treat their hypertension but

continue to overeat. Or, as in your case, zero in on your cholesterol but continue to smoke.

To be truly preventive medicine-minded, Mr. W., stop thinking of cholesterol alone. Consider the entire parcel of threats and take measures to blunt them.

## MEDICALETTES (Replies to and from readers)

Dear Dr. Steincrow: Our 5-year-old used to be a sound sleeper. He would never disturb us at night. Lately he has been getting up and running to our bedroom because he has had a nightmare. We can't imagine what has brought on this behavior. — Mrs. M.

Dear Mrs. M.: I've known some parents who had a similar complaint after having taken a child to a horror movie. The youngster had nightmare for a week.

Likewise, unrestricted TV viewing can produce nightmare in imaginative youngsters. They are unable to distinguish the real from the unreal. The monster shadow on the screen is imprinted on their minds.

If you feel that TV is not the problem in your home and the nightmares continue, better consult your doctor.

For Mr. D.: A calorie is an energy measurement in terms of heat production. For example, physical activity and body processes require energy obtained from proteins, carbohydrates and fats. Each food contains a specific number of calories. If you take too many calories (overeat) the remainder is stored as fat.

Tomorrow: The lazy live longer

By Peter J. Steincrow

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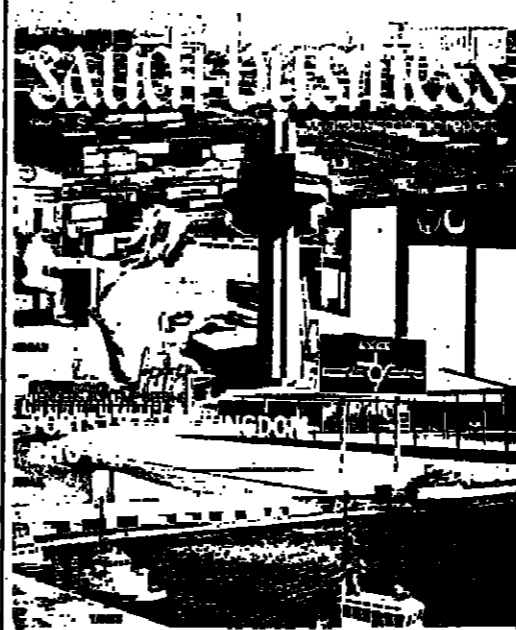
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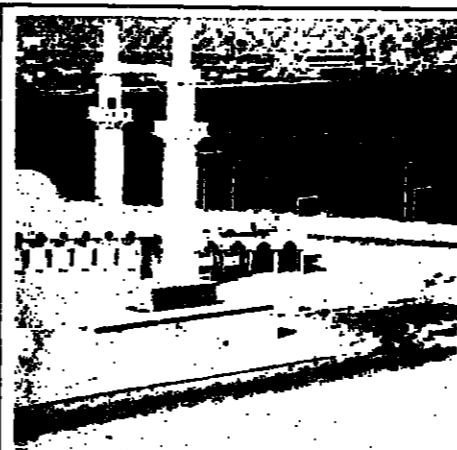
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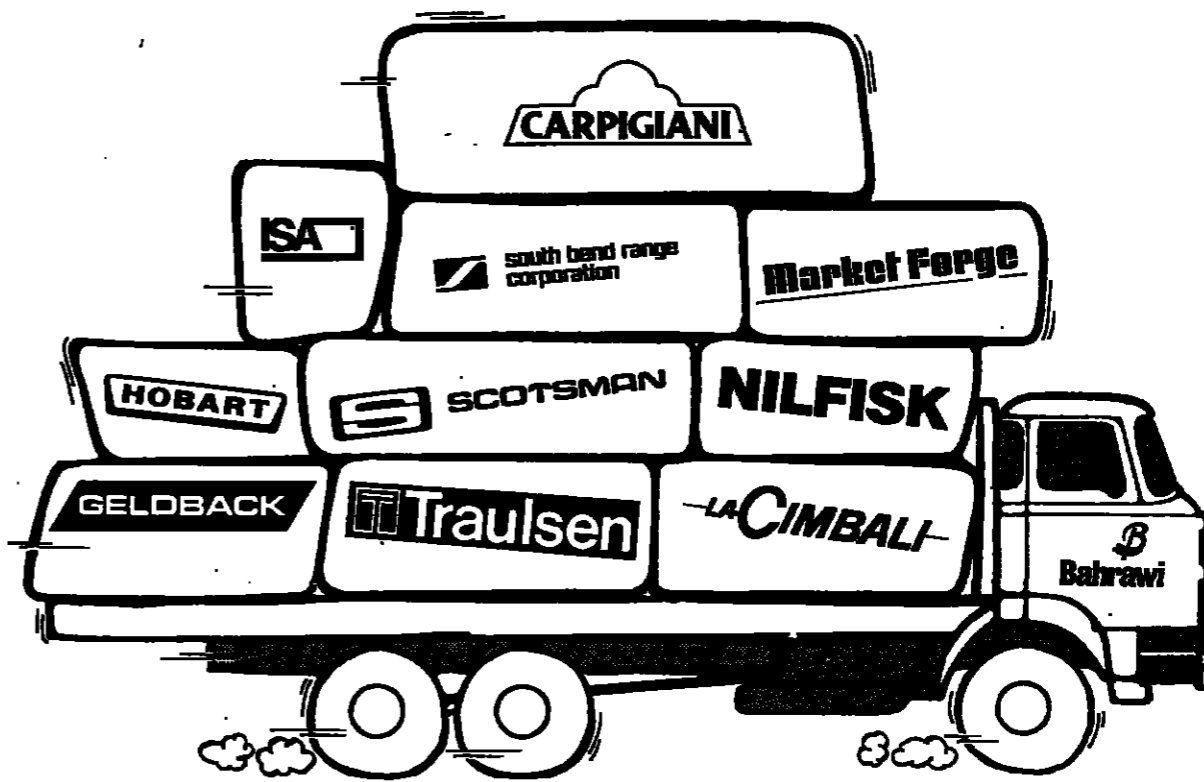


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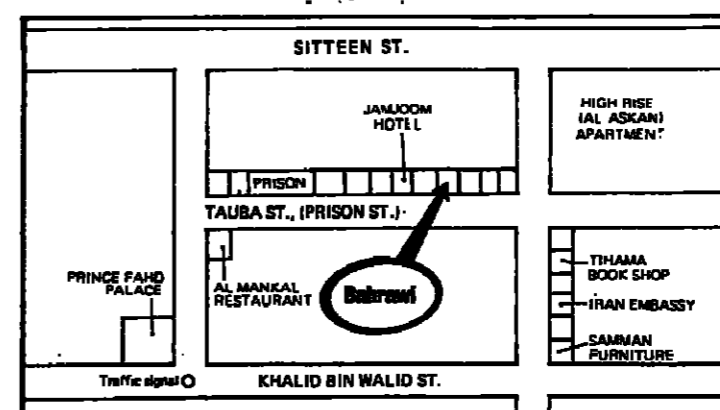
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## Despite Soviet call

## U.S. hesitant to discuss arms cut

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (AP) — The Reagan administration made clear Thursday that despite Soviet complaints of needless delay the United States will not enter strategic arms reduction talks before the time is right.

Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev called on Wednesday for a quick resumption of U.S.-Soviet talks on limiting strategic, chemical and conventional arms and said the Soviet Union is ready to reach agreement in all three fields.

But Dean Fischer, the State's Department's chief spokesman, dismissed the Brezhnev proposal as "propaganda" and "a com-

pendium of standard Soviet position on arms control issues."

"As we have said many times before the test of the Soviets' claims that they are seriously interested in effective and verifiable arms control agreements will be in their approach to negotiations and not in propaganda," said Fischer.

And he said the U.S. position on the resumption of strategic arms control talks remains unchanged.

"We will approach strategic arms talks seriously when they begin," Fischer said. "This means that it is a political fact of life that U.S.-Soviet arms negotiations cannot be tot-

ally isolated from Soviet international behavior generally."

"The administration's review of policy toward strategic arms negotiations is moving toward completion," he said. "And we will be prepared to proceed with negotiations when conditions permit."

Administration officials have said many times that the martial law crackdown in Poland has poisoned the international atmosphere and made the immediate opening of strategic arms control talks unlikely.

Earlier this week, however, administration sources said that the administration likely will agree to set a date for beginning strategic arms reduction talks sometime in late March.

Brezhnev said in Moscow that the Reagan administration is "incessantly postponing" the resumption of the talks.

He said the Soviet Union is ready to reach agreement "not only on the complete termination of all nuclear weapons tests but also on ending their further production" and on reductions in existing stockpiles.

"We are ready to agree to considerable reductions in nuclear armaments, but any violation of equilibrium in this field would be fraught with the breach of stability and (would) jeopardize peace," he said.

Soviet leaders have called repeatedly for the resumption of the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks.

Both sides continue to respect the terms of the 1979 SALT II treaty even though the U.S. Senate did not ratify it. Meanwhile, talks on reducing medium-range nuclear missiles aimed at targets in Europe are continuing in Geneva.

## Nicaragua killed Indians, U.S. says

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (R) — The United States has evidence that Nicaraguan troops have killed many of the country's Miskito Indians and burned their villages, President Reagan's human rights adviser said.

Assistant Secretary of State Elliott Abrams said Thursday there had also been charges that badly injured Indians were buried alive.

"We have clear evidence that Miskito villages have been burned and many men, women and children killed," he told a Senate Foreign Relations Sub-committee.

The Sandinistas have viciously attacked these Indian tribes, killing many. Dozens of villages have been destroyed and thousands of the Indians have been uprooted and forcibly driven to other parts of the country," he said.

"There are allegations that Sandinista soldiers buried alive badly injured Indians," he said at another point. Abrams said the evidence was gathered by U.S. Embassy staff, primarily from interviews with Indian refugees who fled across the border into Honduras, and from missionaries.

A university professor who visited Nicaragua last month said the government acknowledged relocating more than 8,500 Indians to break up resistance, but he said it denied that any were killed.

The professor, Dr. William Leogrande, director of political science at the American University in Washington, told the hearing there had been rumors of massacres and atrocities in Nicaragua.

He said that 400 Indians were arrested and some had confessed that the ultimate aim of the resistance was to create an independent Miskito nation and appeal for foreign help against the Nicaraguan government.

## American officials disagree on planned sea-power hike

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (AP) — U.S. Navy Secretary John Lehman said the naval service's chief uniformed officer differed Thursday as to whether the planned big increase in American sea power would mean the Soviet Navy would pose no serious threat to the United States.

At a hearing by the Senate Armed Services Committee, Sen. John Warner, Republican-Virginia, who held Lehman's job during the Nixon administration, took note of the secretary's assertion that the 15-aircraft carrier, 600-ship Navy by 1989 would ensure the United States of maritime supremacy.

But, he asked, "what makes you think the Soviets are going to standstill and let the United States achieve that supremacy?"

Lehman replied that the United States did not seek a numerical advantage in ships over the Soviet fleet, which he said has numbered 1,700 vessels of various types for some time. The active U.S. fleet now stands at about 450 craft, including 12 carriers.

Instead, he said, "the measure of superiority is whether we can carry out our vital maritime tasks, and that is to prevail against their threat in only our vital areas, and we can do that with a 600-ship Navy even if they had an 1,800-or 2,400-ship Navy."

In fact, Lehman said, he hoped the Soviets did feel the need to divert defense funds to

increasing the size of their fleet. "...What could be more stabilizing than to force them to reorder their resources away from an offensive nuclear first-strike capability into building more naval ships; to take resources away from supporting very extensive operations in Cuba and through the Third World and the destabilization efforts they are doing," he said.

The "marginal return on that investment in increasing the threat to us is small if we have a sufficiently sized force," he added.

But when Sen. Sam Nunn, Democrat-Georgia, later asked Adm. Thomas B. Hayward whether he agreed, the chief of naval operations replied: "I can't accept the thesis that if we get 15 (carrier) battle groups the Soviets can have all they want and it makes no difference to me. I have never reported that to the secretary of defense, the other chiefs (of staff) never have and I couldn't support that kind of prudent risk."

Sen. Carl Levin, Democrat-Michigan, noted that the Soviets have not been restrained thus far in occupying Afghanistan, creating a naval presence in the western Pacific and building up forces in Central Europe while at the same time undertaking an expensive armaments program.

"What makes you think they won't use even more of their national resources," Levin asked.

## Closest to royal mansion

## U.K. cottage sale starts rush

WESTONBIRT, England, Feb. 26 (AP) — Realtor Ernest Panes reports a rush of interest in "The Retreat," a 300-year-old, stone-built cottage he had for sale near this western England village in Gloucestershire.

The two-story, three-bedroom structure is "undisputed, rundown and has been empty for three years. But whoever buys it will become the closest neighbor of Prince Charles,"

## Hinckley trial postponed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (AP) — An appeal court judge has postponed indefinitely the trial of John Hinckley, 26, who is charged with attempting to assassinate President Ronald Reagan on March 30, 1981.

The appeal court ruling Thursday, which overturned a decision by a federal judge earlier in the day to set the trial for March 9, was to allow the prosecution to seek a review of two earlier rulings which prevented use of documents and statements allegedly obtained by unlawful methods.

The president was wounded in the attack outside a Washington hotel, as were his press spokesman, James Brady, a policeman and a secret service agent. Hinckley is expected to plead temporary insanity.

the heir to the throne, and his wife Princess Diana.

Their 800,000 pounds (\$1.4 million) mansion, Highgrove, is just 210 yards (182 meters) away in full view of the cottage.

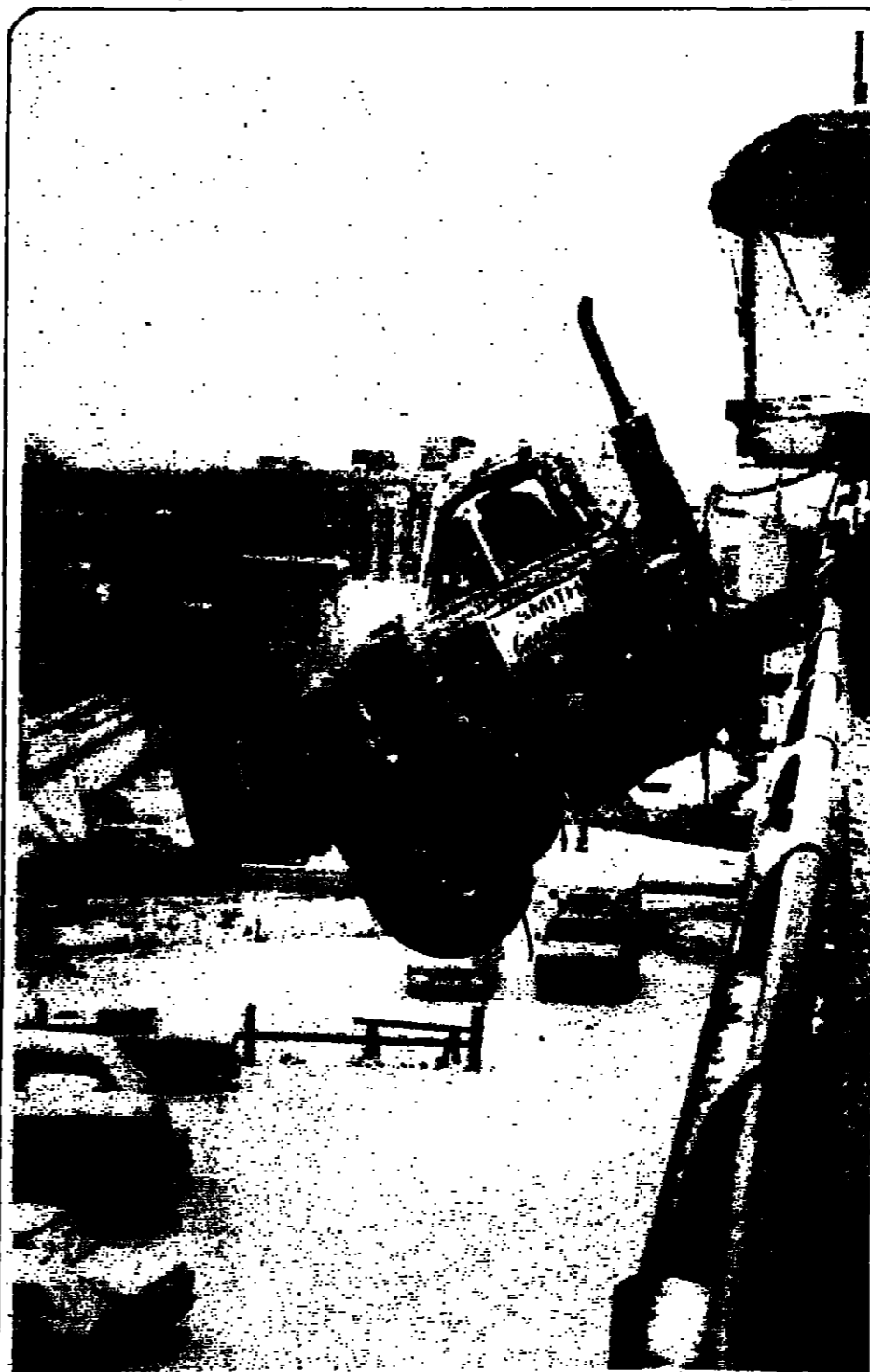
"I was staggered by the interest when the cottage was placed on the market," Panes told a reporter Thursday.

"We only advertised it locally but all the 200 leaflets giving details went within a week and we are having to print hundreds more. We have had enquiries from all over the country."

World interest in Charles and the former Lady Diana Spencer has proved extraordinary since their engagement was announced in February. They were married last July and the blonde princess is expecting a baby in June. Although she is only 21, eight books are being written on her life to coincide with the royal birth.

The cottage will be auctioned in Westonbirt March 22.

Panes said he originally expected the cottage and its less than half-an-acre of land to sell for 20,000 pounds (\$36,000). Now he thinks its position will add at least 10,000 pounds (\$18,000) to the price.



DANGLING: American driver Raymond Bryce waits for rescuers to arrive moments after his truck went out of control and crashed through a railing on a Chicago expressway Thursday, leaving the cab dangling 50 feet up.

## In bribery scandal

## Soviet circus chief arrested

MOSCOW, Feb. 26 (AP) — Moscow police have arrested the chief of the National Circus Directorate and sealed his office door in a bribery scandal involving hundreds of thousands of dollars in diamonds, other precious gems and Western currency, Soviet and Western sources said Friday.

Secretaries in adjacent offices said Anatoly Kolevatov, the circus director general, had suffered a heart attack, but the Soviet and Western sources in Moscow said he was arrested earlier this month.

Those sources said police had discovered valuables amounting to nearly one million dollars in Kolevatov's apartment after the Feb. 17 arrest.

Kolevatov was said to have been a close friend of Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev's daughter, Galina. She evidently became acquainted with Kolevatov through her first two husbands, both circus performers.

Kolevatov had final say in granting approval for performers to travel abroad, a privilege which gives Soviet citizens access to oth-

erwise unavailable foreign currency and consumer goods.

Soviet sources also reported the recent arrest of a circus folk dancer known as Boris the Gypsy. He also was reportedly a close friend of Brezhnev's daughter, 53, who is said to have her father's taste for expensive Western consumer goods.

Soviet sources said police confiscated valuable antique art objects from Boris the Gypsy's home after his arrest late January.

The evident bribery scandal in the highest levels of the prestigious Soviet big top comes amidst an acknowledged crackdown in the Soviet Union on economic crimes such as bribery and black marketeering.

Soviet sources said Kolevatov allowed circus performers to travel abroad with their troupe if they promised to return with precious stones or metals for him.

Kolevatov's four deputies were meeting with top Culture Ministry officials Friday, secretaries said, as word of the scandal began reaching Western correspondents.

## Directors back layoff demand by Murdoch

LONDON, Feb. 26 (AP) — The London Times board of directors Thursday unanimously backed publisher Rupert Murdoch's demand to lay off nearly one-fourth of the newspaper's workers, the company said.

But officials gave no indication of whether the board would support Murdoch's controversial move to transfer the titles of the Times and its sister newspaper, The Sunday Times, to his parent company.

A company statement said the newspapers' 12-member board unanimously supported "steps taken by Murdoch and management to resolve the Times group's industrial problems."

Murdoch has said he would close the newspapers unless unions agree to cut 600 of the current 2,600 jobs to reduce losses running at 15 million pounds (\$27.4 million) a year.

Murdoch wants to transfer the newspapers titles to his parent company, News International Ltd., a move the papers' former editor has said is an attempt to suspend publication and then reopen with a slimmed-down staff.

The company statement made no specific mention of the proposed title change but said "consideration of all other matters" was deferred until the manning issue was resolved.

The board includes five independent directors appointed by the government when Murdoch bought the newspapers in February 1981. Their appointment was intended to guarantee continued editorial independence of the prestigious newspapers.

Arthur Britenden, director of corporate relations of News International Ltd., told reporters earlier the titles would not be transferred to the parent company without the approval of the independent directors.

## Soviet energy plant hit by shoddy engineering

MOSCOW, Feb. 26 (R) — The Soviet Union is lagging behind in its ambitious nuclear energy program and atomic plants have been hit by shoddy engineering works, the Communist Party newspaper Pravda complained Friday.

A front-page editorial blamed the failures on poor management by the Ministry of Power and Electrification, bad design, substandard workmanship and inadequate scientific back-up.

It said the government and Communist Party had approved a decree aimed at increasing the pace of construction, but gave no details. Three major new plants in the southern Ukraine and near the Russian cities of Smolensk and Kursk failed to go into production on time last year, Pravda added.

"There are often interruptions in the supply of bricks, metals and building materials. Design institutes frequently complete their technical documentation late and then adjust it while construction is under way," Pravda said.

"There have also been signs of an old tradition of beginning construction without the necessary engineering preparation."

The Soviet Union is fully committed to a rapid expansion of its atomic energy industry. Nuclear plants are expected to account for all growth in energy production in the European part of the Soviet Union for the rest of this century.

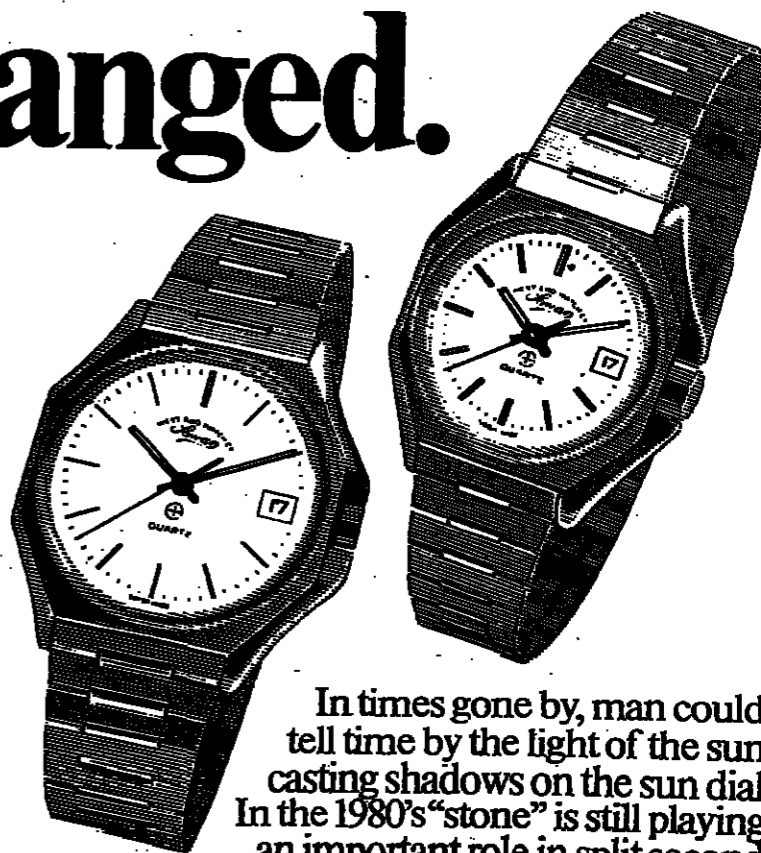
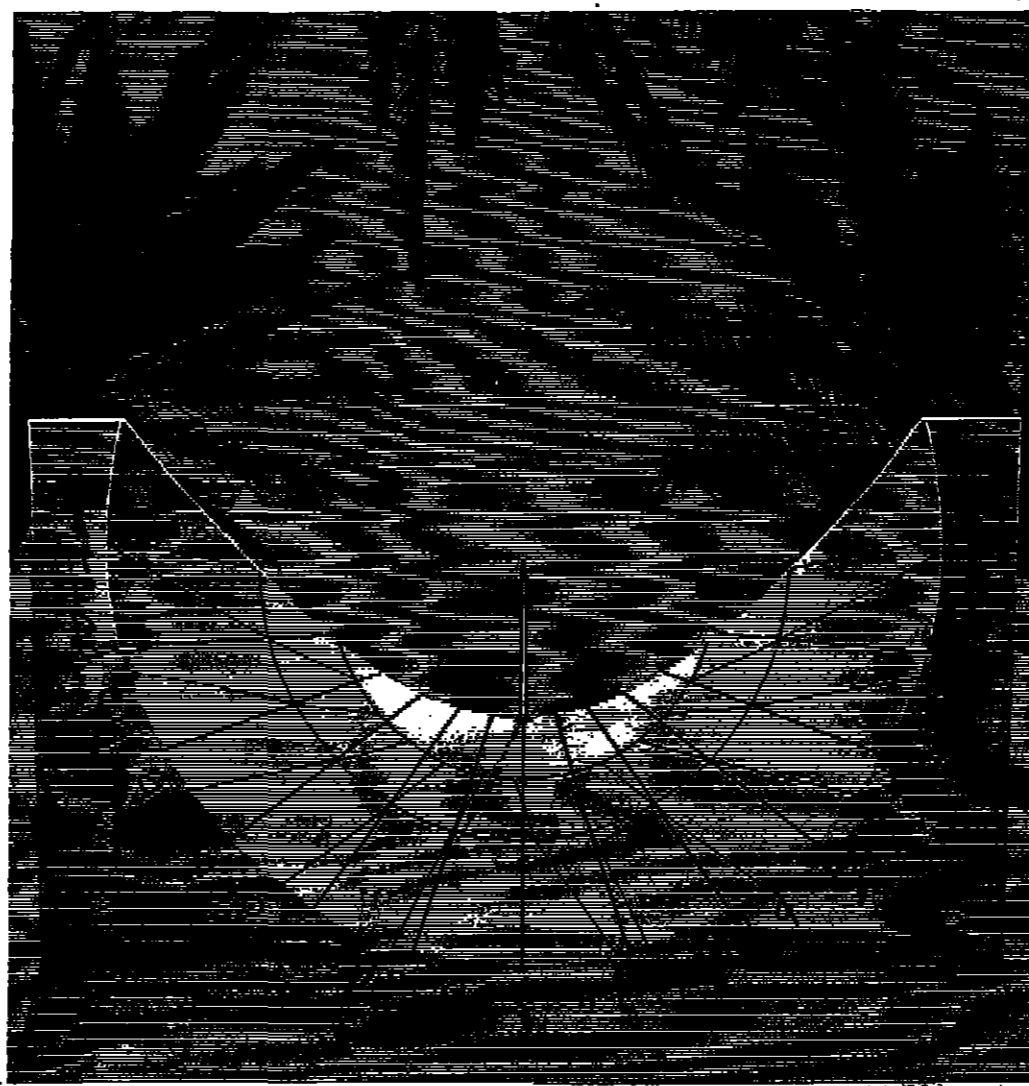


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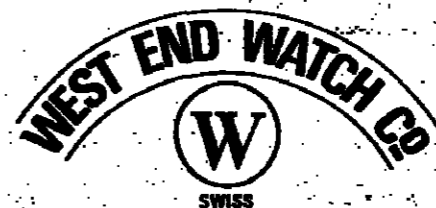
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## Army excesses alleged

## Uganda crackdown claims 90 terrorists

NAIROBI, Feb. 26 (R) — Some 90 persons have been killed during army search operations following the mortar attack on Kampala's main barracks by anti-government guerrillas Tuesday, medical sources reported from the Ugandan capital Friday.

Contacted by telephone from Nairobi, the sources said many of those killed were found in Namanve forest, which gained notoriety as a dumping ground for corpses during the eight-year reign of Idi Amin. "With very few exceptions, those found in the forest had bullet holes in the back of the neck," one source reported. He declined to be named and would not say how many of the dead were civilians.

Other Kampala residents have also spoken of excesses by the army in their search and one Ugandan professional working for a state-run organization alleged to Reuters that there had been killings and looting. On Tuesday, some 300 heavily-armed guerrillas slipped into Kampala, set up mortar positions around Lubiri barracks near army headquarters, and lobbed mortar shells into the sprawl.

## Top Chinese officials face anti-graft swoop

PEKING, Feb. 26 (R) — A much-publicized anti-corruption drive in China could spread to implicate high-ranking officials, the newspaper *China Daily* said Friday.

So far only officials and Communist Party members at county and the slightly higher prefecture level had been named, the paper said in a commentary. "It would not be surprising if some cases implicating higher-ranking officials come to light," it added, without elaborating.

Chinese media have insisted that nobody will be spared, however high his rank, in the crackdown which is aimed at improving the tarnished image of Chinese officialdom. The *China Daily* said one reason for corruption was China's policy of opening up to the West, which it described as a "double-edged blade."

On the one hand it helped China's modernization, but the sudden influx of foreign luxuries was a "strong incentive to mercenary practices," it said.

ing compound below. The government said 67 attackers and two soldiers died in the subsequent fighting.

Members of the diplomatic corps in Kampala were taken on a tour of the barracks Friday and said there was little damage to the complex, surrounded by an eight-foot (2.5-meter) wall. The diplomats were also taken to Rubaga cathedral, perched on a hill overlooking the barracks, and shown a mortar position the attackers set up on the steps of the twin-towered building.

The Ugandan official accompanying the diplomats, Capt. John Upor, a member of parliament, said the army had fired back with recoilless rifles after the mortar attack, beating back the guerrillas.

Third World diplomats in Kampala described the raid, the biggest since organized anti-government operations began a year ago, as an acute political embarrassment for the government of Dr. Milton Obote. His administration has consistently dismissed anti-government forces as mere bandits and terrorists, totally without popular support.

The Uganda Freedom Movement (UFM), which claimed responsibility for the attack, has said the fact that such a large group of men could operate freely enough to shell the main barracks proved that it had local backing.

The guerrillas melted into the lush countryside after the raid and dispersed toward the former capital of Entebbe on the shore of Lake Victoria. Although life in Kampala swiftly returned to normal after the fighting, with shops and government offices operating as usual, Third World diplomats described the attack as a major setback to efforts to rebuild a country shattered by Amin's regime and the bloody campaign to oust him.

The diplomats said the guerrilla operation was also likely to have an adverse effect on efforts to make a disciplined, professional army out of what they called "the gunmen in uniform" who helped overthrow Amin.

Much of the violence which has shaken Uganda since his departure has been ascribed to the army and security forces. Leaders of the opposition Democratic Party have said the army tends to overreact to guerrilla operations, often resorting to indiscriminate reprisals.

## As TV film recalls mutiny

## Disgrace haunts U.K. war veterans

LONDON, Feb. 26 (AP) — British 8th army veterans who turned defeat into victory at Alamein in World War II, wept Thursday night before television viewers as they recalled being charged with mutiny after invading Italy nearly 40 years ago. "We felt let down, disheartened. There was no fight left in us," said former SGT. Wally Innes, who was sentenced to death.

The little-known incident, in which 191 men refused to march to the front at Salerno beachhead on Sept. 20, 1943, was resurrected by the British Broadcasting Corp. for its historical series, "Forty Minutes."

Survivors of the largest British army court-martial in this century, said bad officering and incompetent administration caused the disobeying of orders, which army prosecutors decided to call mutiny. Privates were sentenced to seven years in prison, corporals to 10 years and three sergeants to death by firing squad.

Although all the sentences were later suspended, the men were sent to battle and given suicidal roles and got the impression the authorities wanted them killed in action. Many were killed. Those who deserted were arrested and sat out the war in jail. Families back home were denied allowances due to

them and campaign medals and bravery awards won earlier were never given.

The Ministry of Defense says it will not open the files for 75 years after the event, to "protect the men and their families." Alan Patient, who produced the film, said: "The truth about apparent official blunders will not be admitted by the Defense Ministry before everyone concerned is dead."

The BBC took Innes and two other survivors, John McFarlane and Hugh Fraser, back to the field at Salerno where they refused their orders. They recalled being placed in a prisoner-of-war "cage" next to German prisoners, who shouted at them, "British cowards."

One veteran said he got a German-speaker to yell back: "We're the same cowards who chased you 3,000 miles (4,800 kms) from Alamein and half-way through Sicily."

The fierce regimental and unit loyalty of the British Army lay at the heart of the mutiny. The men belonged to Highland and Durham regiments. They were all recovering at a transit camp in Tripoli, Libya, from wounds received in the Sicily campaign, when they volunteered to rejoin their units in the invasion of Italy.

Only at sea were they told they were going as reinforcements to the battle of Salerno, not back to their own units. The original order was misrouted for some reason never explained: it should have gone to other troops at Philippeville in Algeria, about 450 miles (724 kms) from Tripoli.

The survivors said that because of their training they could not imagine going into battle with their lives dependent on strangers at their side. Cut off from their units, they went on strike — and paid a penalty that still haunts them.

Tainted with cowardice, Innes said the whispers have never ceased — "see him, he was sentenced to death," he hears to this day when he walks into a restaurant.

McFarlane's military medal for courage was taken from him and his wife and children were penniless. McFarlane wept as he said: "That's all the thanks I got from the British Army... The persecution of my family... It was as bad as the Germans. They broke me."

Officers who prosecuted and defended at the court-martial said in the film that the affair was bungled and described it as a sorry chapter in British army history.

## U.S. to seek extradition of arms peddler

MADRID, Feb. 26 (Agencies) — A U.S. citizen accused of illegal arms traffic and with former links to two ex-CIA agents who sold arms to Libya has been arrested in Madrid, police said, and the United States will seek his extradition from Spain, a U.S. spokesman reported Friday.

Police said Joseph Gregory Korkala, 41, was taken into custody by Spanish police two days ago. He was picked up at a pavilion showing security equipment in Madrid.

Police said Korkala claimed the arrest was a case of mistaken identity. But police said their records showed Korkala was convicted in a New York court and sentenced to 40-50 years for arms smuggling in case that also involved Frank E. Terpil and Edwin P. Wilson, two former CIA agents widely hunted by American authorities for selling arms to Libya.

Under Spanish law, Korkala can be held for 72 hours before being arraigned. But the U.S. Embassy spokesman said police can hold a suspect for 30 days once extradition papers are filed.

The spokesman said a fugitive warrant was issued for Korkala after he was convicted on Nov. 19, 1981, in U.S. district court in the southern district of New York on charges of violating the Neutrality Act by selling arms to Uganda.

The spokesman said Korkala was convicted on two counts of illegal arms traffic outside the United States, one count of illegal arms traffic in the United States and one count of conspiracy to illegally obtain U.S. passports for aliens.

Korkala fled the United States last year with Terpil to avoid trial on charges of attempting to sell 10,000 machine guns to undercover agents posing as Latin American revolutionaries.

Korkala and Terpil were both sentenced in absentia by a Manhattan supreme court judge to serve between 17 and 53 years for selling the 10,000 British-made machine guns to the undercover agents.

Both men jumped bail set at \$100,000 each to avoid their trial. They were last publicly seen in Beirut where they gave a television interview to the CBS program "60 Minutes" in which they told of dealings with Idi Amin, including attending a dinner in which the Ugandan leader served up the head of one of his opponents. According to Terpil's wife, the two men disappeared shortly after the interview was broadcast, last seen in the company of two unknown men.

Terpil, 42, is also wanted in Virginia on charges of running a guerrilla training school in Libya and shipping explosive devices there. The indictment against him and Wilson charged that they had recruited American citizens to construct explosive devices in Libya and then train others.

The exhibition Korkala was said to have attended, the Third International Security Exhibition, was inaugurated Tuesday by Spanish Interior Minister Juan Jose Roson.

## Newport princess testifies against stepfather

NEWPORT, Rhode Island, Feb. 26 (R) — The prosecution rested its case Thursday against socialite Claus von Bulow as he tried on charges of trying to murder his heirless wife with insulin injections.

On the 19th day of the prosecution's case, the jury in the high society trial earlier heard testimony from Martha von Bulow's daughter, Princess Annie-Laurie (Ala) Kneissl, saying that her mother discussed the possibility of divorcing Von Bulow and that the mother feared he was heading toward a nervous breakdown.

The defense must now decide whether to put Von Bulow on the witness stand to defend himself. Princess Ala, crying occasionally and biting her lip, described the "wonderful mother" who now lies in a permanent coma in a New York hospital.

Von Bulow, 55, accused of attempting to murder his wife by injecting her with insulin, blushed deeply and stared down at his notes as the stepdaughter he raised for 14 years testified against him.

It was an investigation investigated by Princess Ala, 23, and her brother, Prince Alex von Auersperg, 22, which put Von Bulow in court. Alex has already testified in the month-old trial.

Ala said Thursday she and her mother discussed divorce months before the mother's brief coma of December 1979. She said: "She felt he was on the verge of a nervous breakdown and that he blamed her for his not having any success in the business world. He was very nervous about getting future job with New York businessman Mark Millard."

Ala, saying she had never seen her mother using drugs, denied each point of the defense case that Mrs. Von Bulow's own excesses caused her coma. She told the jury of a meeting with Mrs. Von Bulow's said of a few years, Maria Schrollhammer, at which she was shown a bag owned by Von Bulow containing vials of drugs.

She said she and Maria inspected the bag over a period of a year and kept notes on its contents. The notes were produced in court

## BRIEFS

PARIS (AFP) — Paris police and customs have smashed a west African drug connection, seizing hundreds of kilos of cannabis smuggled in mainly from Nigeria. Three Zairians were caught in the act of sharing out 250 kilos of the drug at Nanterre, just west of Paris, after they had been followed from Roissy-Montesson Airport.

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II met with Premier Francisco Pinto Balsemao on Friday and confirmed he will visit Portugal May 13, the premier told reporters.

ROME (AP) — A group of prominent Italian lawyers and Americans, headed by Italian criminal lawyer Anselmo Crisafulli and *International Daily News* publisher Robert Cunningham Jr., has purchased the *Rome Daily American*, it was announced Friday. The group purchases the *Daily American* title last Saturday at a bankruptcy court auction for 152 million lire (\$120,000).

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain (R) — An explosive charge ripped a hole in the local police headquarters Friday in what police sources said would be the first attack by a Basque separatist group after a year-long truce. The explosive, which according to preliminary investigation, was fired by a grenade-

launcher from a car, caused moderate damage but no injuries.

DAR ES SALAAM (AP) — Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere arrived home Thursday from a five-day visit to India during which he received the 1981 Third World Prize.

BERKELEY, California (AP) — Yuen-Ren Cho, a renowned University of California linguist who helped set the foundation of modern linguistics in China, has died at the age of 89. He died Wednesday while visiting relatives in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

KYOTO, Japan (AP) — Prize-winning Japanese film director Teinosuke Kinugasa died Friday of cerebral thrombosis at his home in Kyoto, western Japan, his relatives reported. He was 86.

KARACHI, (AP) — Prince Philip, husband of Queen Elizabeth II, arrived here Friday aboard his chartered plane from London and was received at Karachi airport by Sind Governor Lt. Gen. S.M. Abbasi and other civil and military officials. The prince, who is the president of the Wildlife Management International, drove to Pakistan's largest Halejee Lake to inspect wildlife preserves there.

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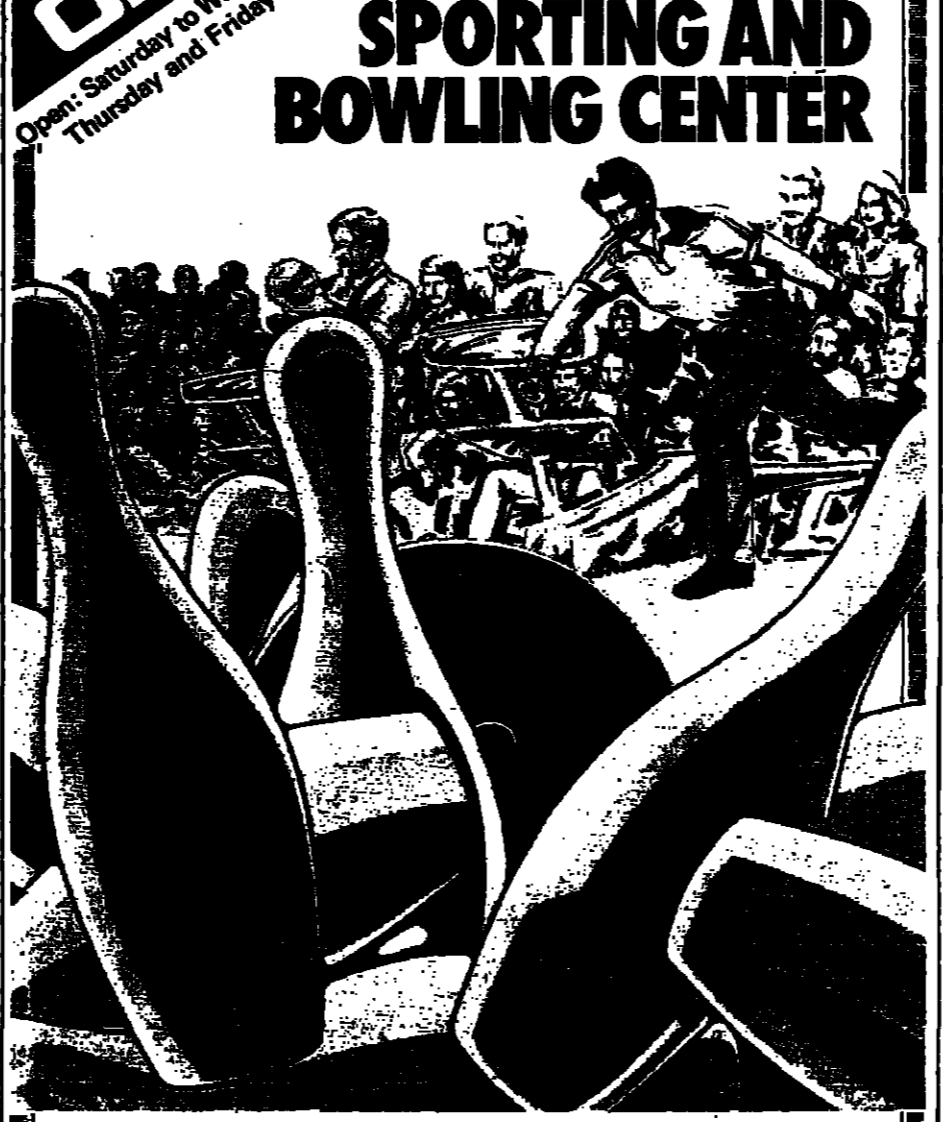
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## But vows to curb cheap imports

## EEC to ratify global textile pact

BRUSSELS, Feb. 26 (R) — The European Economic Community (EEC) has accepted a hard-fought international textile trade pact, but vowed to impose harsh curbs on cheap clothing imports from the Third World, British Secretary of State for Trade and Industry Peter Rees said.

Ministers agreed to ratify the new multi-fiber arrangement (MFA), an accord between the developed and developing countries which governs about \$80 billion worth of business, four fifths of the world's trade in textiles, he told reporters.

They also gave the EEC's executive commission the go-ahead to start what promise to be extremely difficult negotiations with 28 individual Third World textile suppliers on the level of their sales to the community. The EEC has threatened to withdraw from the MFA and erect its own import barriers if these talks do not produce results.

The EEC textile industry, hard hit by economic recession and competition from cheaper suppliers, has asked for tough restrictions on low-cost imports, which it says have caused the loss of 800,000 jobs in the last eight years.

Officials said Thursday's agreement, reached

after eight hours of talks at EEC headquarters here, went at least some of the way toward satisfying the industry's demands.

But it was unlikely to please the poor countries, who have been pressing for much greater access for their products to the Common Market.

Diplomats said the poor countries would be allowed to export under three percent more of most products to the EEC next year than they were in 1982. For particularly sensitive items, such as shirts and trousers, the increase would be kept to 1.2 percent.

Heavy suppliers — Hong Kong, Macao, South Korea and Taipei — would find their exports cut back by about 10 percent. Hong Kong, the only market regarded by the EEC as relatively open to foreign goods, would be compensated with an increase in part-work on basically European-made goods.

The ministers also settled on a device to stop cheap suppliers from suddenly flooding the EEC market with goods before new bilateral pacts come into force in 1983.

France and Italy, under heavy pressure from their recession-hit and shrinking domestic industry, pressed for tough new import restrictions, intended to check stiff competi-

tion from countries where labor is cheap, EEC sources said.

But West Germany — a traditional opponent of trade protectionism — urged flexibility. The sources said the Bonn government was particularly concerned that the Common Market's doors should be kept open for trade in garments which are partly made in Europe and shipped out to cheap-labor countries for finishing. This practice, known in textile trade jargon as "outward processing," has proved highly lucrative for West German manufacturers.

Other options included cuts in import quotas allocated to especially heavy textile sellers among the low-cost countries, such as Hong Kong, Taipei, Macao and South Korea.

The new MFA, the third agreement of its kind intended as a framework for orderly growth in the world textile trade, was agreed last December in Geneva and is already in force, having been ratified by the United States, Japan and a number of developing countries.

Officials said the EEC would withdraw from the pact unless it obtained satisfactory bilateral agreements with the individual suppliers by the end of next September.

## MP turns table on Thatcher

LONDON, Feb. 26 (AP) — An opposition lawmaker has urged British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to brush up her Homer.

Labor Party treasury spokesman Robin Cook, member of parliament from Edinburgh Central, Thursday disputed Mrs. Thatcher's reference to the Greek poet's classical epic *The Odyssey* in the House of Commons on Wednesday.

To illustrate the virtues of avoiding temptation — in her case, calls for tax cuts and increases in spending to help lift Britain out of recession — the Conservative prime minister said:

"Ulysses, you will remember, resisted the siren voices and came safely home to harbor."

On Thursday, Cook countered, "this startling statement shows a lamentable ignorance of classical literature. Ulysses did not come safely home, but lost his ship with all hands."

## Of state-owned firm

## Shares scandal rocks U.K.

LONDON, Feb. 26 (AP) — The British government was accused Friday of blundering in the stock market with taxpayers' assets when it sold off state-owned Amersham International, a radiochemicals company.

It seemed that almost everyone wanted a piece of the firm and there was a scramble for the shares when they were issued Thursday on the London stock exchange. Opposition Laborite lawmakers denounced the affair as a "scandal" and said some Conservatives made money on the deal.

Amersham International was developed by World War II industrial chemist Pat Grove, who persuaded the government to buy a radium refinery which had made luminous gunights and aircraft dials. The firm is now a world leader in making radioactive isotopes for medicine and the nuclear industry, with 2,000 staff and foreign subsidiaries.

When stock worth 71 million pounds (nearly \$124 million) was issued for Thursday's sale, written applications totaled 1.75 billion pounds (\$3.2 billion).

The 45 million shares were priced at 142 pence (26 cents) each but the price rocketed within seconds and soared to 190 pence (nearly 34 cents) in frantic dealings. That meant the market valued the company at 95 million pounds (nearly \$174 million) and 25 times as many shares could have been sold as were available.

In the House of Commons after the sale, Labor Party leader Michael Foot asked

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher: "Don't you think it is a scandal that state assets should be put on the market in this manner and sold at knockdown prices?"

Mrs. Thatcher replied that the issue price was decided "on the firm advice of professional city advisers." The city of London is the capital's financial district. Foot said that people advising the government had made "at least one million pounds" (\$1.83 million) from the sale, adding later that he was not accusing anyone of corruption.

A spokesman for merchant bankers Rothschild, who advised the government, said Foot got his figures wrong and they had shared fees of 310,000 pounds (\$567,300).

The spokesman called the stock exchange stampede "mass hysteria," and said the offer price of Amersham stock was generally considered about right when it was set, but the demand caught everyone by surprise.

Reg Race, a lawmaker of the opposition Labor Party, said in an interview with independent radio news that lawmakers of Mrs. Thatcher's party were among those who made money from dealing in the Amersham shares "and subsequently sold them to take profits." Race did not name anyone.

Conservative lawmakers said the price was set low to enable members of the public to buy, as well as professional investors. The Conservative *Daily Mail* reported Friday that Mrs. Thatcher was "embarrassed" by the affair and her ministers are "unhappy" over it.

## U.S. nets \$11b from tourism

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (AP) — For the first time, foreign tourists last year spent as much money in the United States as American tourists spent abroad, undersecretary of Commerce Peter McCoy has said.

And for the first time, he said Thursday the number of foreign visitors who stayed in this country for more than 24 hours — 23.2 million — exceeded the number of Americans who traveled abroad.

McCoy told a Senate Commerce Subcommittee on Tourism that foreign tourists last year spent \$11.7 billion in the United States.

Nevertheless, he said, the United States has been getting a smaller share of the world's tourists. There also is a widening \$1.9 billion "travel deficit" between fares paid to foreign airlines and to American airlines for travel to and from this country, he said. Writer Herman Kahn predicted that by the year 2010, tourism would be the biggest industry in the country.

McCoy noted that American receipts from tourism are growing faster than the country's proceeds from exports, "and no other country in the world earns more from international tourism than the United States."

There was an upsurge in travel to the United States from Mexico last year and more tourists from Great Britain and Venezuela, he said. Although the number of visitors from Canada declined last year, about 11 million Canadians came to the United States. A total of 3.8 million Mexicans spent more than three days in this country.

There were 1.3 million visitors from Britain, 1.2 million from Japan, 700,000 from West Germany, 520,000 from Venezuela and 325,000 from France. McCoy predicted that Europe will become a less important source of tourists to the United States and said he expected more visitors from Latin America and the Far East.

## ICO rejects export quota revision

LONDON, Feb. 26 (AP) — The executive board of the International Coffee Organization Thursday rejected requests from six producer nations for a redistribution of their export quotas.

The six — Ecuador, El Salvador, Kenya, Nicaragua, Paraguay and Zaire — asked for a total of 300,000 bags of coffee to be taken from their 2nd and 3rd quarters of the current 1981-82 export quota year allocated to the current 2nd quarter ending March 31. A bag holds 132.2 pounds or 60 kilos in green coffee beans.

Most of the other producing countries, led by Brazil and Colombia, turned down the request and asked the six to come back when the board meets next in March. The consumers did not oppose the redistribution.

Earlier, ICO executive director Alexander Beltrao announced that he had released the quota of coffee in accordance with a decision of the ICO council taken last September. This decision called for the release of the average world price of all sources rises to or above \$1.35 a pound weight. Some 220,030 bags of coffee, distributed pro rata among all the producers will come on the market March 1.

One of the reasons why Brazil and Colombia opposed the redistribution was that there still is a possibility that another one million bags of coffee could be released when the ICO composite reaches or goes through the \$1.40 a pound weight level.

This, they said, would certainly depress prices if they were added not only to the Thursday's statutory release but also have to compete with another 300,000 bags from the redistribution, were these also to put on the market.

The board which began its deliberations Monday, mainly was called to prepare the ground for negotiations aimed at setting up a fourth world coffee pact to replace the present extended 3rd international coffee agreement.

## Bonn, Paris to battle interest rates

BONN, Feb. 26 (AP) — Chancellor Helmut Schmidt has said the Bonn and Paris governments "do not want to wait" until the June summit of the West's seven leading economic powers for a change in American economic policy.

Interviewed on West German television after a summit meeting in Paris with French President Francois Mitterrand, Schmidt repeated criticism of American economic policy that has driven interest rates to record levels in the United States and, as a result, in Western Europe.

The French and West German leaders announced after two days of talks they would undertake joint initiatives to battle the high U.S. interest rates.

## U.S. firm defers buying Boeings

NEW YORK, Feb. 26 (AP) — American Airlines has postponed buying 15 Boeing 757's at a cost of \$600 million because it is losing money and business prospects are grim.

The company's spokesman, Albert Casey, said Friday the airline, which announced the purchase last year, still intended to acquire aircraft from Boeing not until the airline began making a profit again.

In the final quarter of 1981, it lost \$20,300,000. Casey said 1982 results would be hit by fierce rivalry on fares and the trade unions' rejection of a productivity deal.

After taking a number of administrative decisions, the board virtually exhausted its agenda. But, at the request of the United States and West German delegations, it was agreed that the board should reconvene for a last meeting Friday.

This meeting will be entirely taken up with an exchange of views on how members see the next world coffee pact and hear what they have to say on procedural matters relating to its negotiation. No decisions will be taken at this meeting, an ICO spokesman said.

The board decided to meet again March 22, for a two weeks "enlarged" session at which any of the 73 member nations can take part. Its task will be to tackle the drawing up of a preliminary draft agreement for final discussion and approval by the ICO council in June.

## Mexico strikes onshore oil field

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 26 (R) — The Mexican state oil company, Pemex, has discovered a big new onshore oil field containing light crude of exceptional quality, a Pemex spokesman has said.

He said the new find was near other fields already in production in the oil-rich southern state of Chiapas which provides about half of Mexico's 2.75 million barrels per day (BPD) output. Pemex did not give an estimate of the size of the new field. Mexico, the world's fourth biggest oil producer, has 72 billion barrels of proven hydrocarbon reserves.

It recently decided to concentrate exploration on potential onshore light oil fields rather than heavy crude deposits which are mainly drilled offshore. Mexico, anxious to maintain oil revenue during the world glut, plans to enrich the mix of its 1.5 million bpd exports to 60-40 in favor of light crude. The mix is now 50-50.

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## Despite global glut

## Nigeria oil output, exports rise

Lagos, Feb. 26 (R) — Nigeria's latest oil figures released Thursday show increases in production and exports in December over the previous month.

The Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) said 55,570,688 barrels of crude oil were produced in December. Of these, all but 6,434,200 were exported. The figures represented an average production rate of 1.79 million barrels per day (bpd) and an export rate of 1.59 million bpd.

This represented a production increase of 13.2 percent over the preceding month while the export increase was 24.2 percent. NNPC attributed the growth to the continued demand for Nigerian crude on the world market.

There have been market rumors that Nigeria has been discounting its oil from the official price of \$36.5 a barrel. This has been flatly denied by authoritative oil sources in Lagos. The sources said that if discounted Nigerian oil was being marketed, it meant the original purchasers were selling at a loss.

Senior oil industry sources in Lagos, however, believe the volume of discounted Nigerian oil contradicts the official line.

Western oil industry sources in London say several OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) members are discounting their oil to try to maintain sales in the prevailing glut, and that Nigeria has been under considerable buying pressure.

Nigerian oil industry sources give January output as 1.8 million bpd and say they expect

Nigeria, in order to help maintain the OPEC price structure, to prefer a cut in production rather than lower its price.

In another development on the oil front, Western tourists travelling in Bulgaria will have to buy coupons to pay for their gasoline from next month.

The official BTA news agency said in Vienna Thursday that the coupons would be the only means of buying gasoline in Bulgaria. They would cost between 60 and 75 cents a liter, depending on the octane of the gasoline.

The Bulgarian move is similar to one intro-

## Tin plummets in Penang too

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb. 26 (R) — The price of tin plunged to its lowest level since last July on the Penang tin market Friday following Thursday's crash on the London Metal Exchange (LME).

The fall was the sharpest for a single day in the history of the Penang market and pushed the price of the metal from 33 ringgit per kg (\$14,300 a ton) Thursday to 29.15 ringgit (\$12,700).

The metal also continued its downward trend in London, falling to 7,150 sterling (\$13,010) a ton from Thursday's 7,390 sterling (\$13,450).

Traders were baffled as to why a mystery buyer, who had raised prices sharply until last week with large purchases, had suddenly vanished from the market and let the price slump.

Dealers said the International Tin Coun-

duced by Romania three years ago to recoup some of the hard currency spent on oil purchases.

The Soviet Union is expected to cut energy deliveries to East bloc countries by up to 10 percent this year because of rising production costs in Siberia, the weakened world oil market and the need to divert oil to Poland to aid its economy, according to East European economic sources. BTA said East Europeans would be able to buy coupons in soft currency according to the rate of the convertible rouble.

cl(ITC) bought tin in the Penang and London markets Friday after the metal reached a level at which its buffer stock manager is required to intervene. The International Tin Agreement (ITA) requires the manager to buy tin when the price hits a floor level and to sell when it rises to a ceiling.

Dealers said the Penang price was prevented from falling further only by scattered overseas, mainly Japanese, and local buying.

Meanwhile, Thailand, the world's third largest tin exporter, is likely to back Malaysia's effort to form a tin cartel, a spokesman for the industry ministry said Friday.

The spokesman quoted Thai Industry Minister Chaitichai Choonhavan as saying that he agreed with the general principle of forming an association of tin producing countries aimed at protecting their interests.

## U.S. repays \$5.8m to banks

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (R) — The U.S. government has reimbursed two New York-based banks with \$5.8 million owed by Romania to pay for farm products, U.S. Agriculture Department officials said.

The banks, which were handling collection of the money for the U.S. government's Commodity Credit Corporation, had transferred the funds to the corporation on the due date. Unable to collect from Romania, they asked for their money back.

The officials said Romania still owes about \$91 million for purchases of maize, soybeans and soybean meal over the past three years under a U.S. government credit program.

State Department spokesman Dean Fischer said the U.S. would ask Romania to bring the payments up to date immediately. Fischer said that when Secretary of State Alexander Haig met Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu in Bucharest earlier this month, he told the president that any further consideration of pending Romanian request for new farm credits would have to await discussions among private banks and the International Monetary Fund, Fischer said.

Consequently, President Reagan refused for the time being to extend new credits of \$65 million to Romania to help finance grain purchases this year.

A major controversy developed early this month when the Reagan administration decided to pay banks the \$71 million interest owed by Poland in January for past purchases of agricultural commodities. The payments are being made without declaring either Poland or Romania in default of their debts.

Reagan, asked at a press conference last week about the Polish debt, said no decision had been made on whether the U.S. government would also cover the payments coming due to banks this month. He said the United States kept some leverage over Moscow by making the payments without declaring the Warsaw government in default.

U.S. farm trade groups said the financial problems facing Poland and now Romania could result in the Eastern bloc becoming a dwindling market for U.S. agricultural products. John Langwick, an official of the U.S. Feed Grains Council, an export group, and other industry experts now fear there will be few, if any, purchases by Poland and Romania over the next few years.

In Frankfurt, meanwhile, representatives of major Western banks met privately Thursday with Romanian officials to discuss rescheduling of the Romanian debt, banking sources said.

The sources, who asked not to be identified, described the talks as exploratory in advance of actual negotiations. Similar meetings have already been held in Paris, London, and Bucharest, they added.

## World banking enters delicate phase

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (AFP) — The International Banking System has entered a phase of delicate adjustment as a result of recent changes in money flows and uncertainty over repayments by East European Communist countries, monetary analysts are saying here.

The big international banks are consequently hugging their cash boxes a little tighter, and international credit may well shrink in the foreseeable future, the experts believe.

Not so long ago the recycling of fast-

## London stock market

LONDON, Feb. 26 (R) — Small end accounts pushed the market lower, extending the falls seen after ICI's statement on 1982 prospects Thursday, at 1500 hours the Financial Times index was down 6.4 at 545.4.

ICI itself ended just 2p lower at 326 after the favorable press comment on the 1981 results but Plessey, which reported third quarter figures Thursday, fell a further 8p and both Thorn and Blue Circle shed 10p. Oils were again weak, with Shell falling 10p and rights issue speculation pushing Ultrahar down 9p.

Gold shares were generally lower on minimal turnover while North Americans were mixed.

Government bonds ended as much as ½ point down at the long end, reflecting the falls in U.S. Thursday night and the weakness of sterling, but a small recovery was reported by dealers in after hours business when no new funding was announced.

Tin shares moved lower in reaction to the softer metal price, Killinghall shedding 33p to 655.

## IATA fare hike covers more states

GENEVA, Feb. 26 (R) — The International Air Transport Association (IATA) ended 10-day talks Friday by extending recently-agreed trans-Atlantic fare increases to several more European countries.

The increases, averaging seven percent, now cover 85 percent of scheduled traffic between the U.S. and Europe.

They will come into effect from April 1 for Sweden, Denmark and Norway and from April 15 for Austria, Italy, Turkey, Gibraltar, the Soviet Union and other East European Communist countries.

Britain, Ireland, West Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, Portugal and Switzerland agreed on the new fares last month.

An IATA official said they had not been able to include France, Spain, Finland, Greece and Yugoslavia in the agreement. Fares between the U.S. and these countries would be set in bilateral talks. The new agreements put fares into four basic classifications — first class, intermediate or business, economy and discount.

## Brooklyn barge explosion kills 1

NEW YORK, Feb. 26 (AP) — A fiery explosion erupted in an oil barge plying the East River off Brooklyn Friday, killing at least one man as it blew several people into the water, trapped others in the bow and tossed metal into the air — like artillery shells, officials and witnesses said.

The blast occurred at about 9.40 a.m. near the Williamsburg Bridge between Lower Manhattan and Brooklyn, several miles south of the U.N. headquarters.

Arthur Manfredi, a fire spokesman, said one member of the barge crew was found dead in the wheelhouse. About an hour after the blast, the fire department said three men were unaccounted for. The Coast Guard said it had counted eight people rescued.

The fire department said the vessel's skipper and one crewman were taken to Bellevue Hospital. Their conditions were not known immediately.

Police said some workmen on the bridge may have been blown into the water, but that was not immediately confirmed.

## French industry makes headway

PARIS, Feb. 26 (AFP) — Activity in French industry continues to pick up slowly. The consumer goods sector is steady but an improvement has occurred in intermediate goods.

This general picture emerges from a survey of business leaders by the Insee National Statistics Institute, which noted, however, that stocks seem to be rising and orders falling. Company chiefs think "slight growth" will occur in coming months, with price rises rather less sharp than at the year-end.

## With revenues falling OPEC members selling gold

LONDON, Feb. 26 (AFP) — OPEC countries which are short of foreign currency, including Iran, Iraq and Libya, are selling gold or want to raise loans against gold holdings, the Financial Times reported Friday.

These sales are in addition to sales by the world's two biggest gold producers — the Soviet Union and South Africa which are also short of currency. These moves are believed to explain the crash in the gold price.

The price of gold has fallen this week to about \$360 an ounce for the first time in two and a half years. It is now at its lowest level since the seizure of the American hostages in Iran and the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan which pushed the price up to \$890 an ounce.

The recent price slump has occurred despite lower U.S. interest rates which could normally be expected to increase demand.

In recent years several members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), including Indonesia and Libya, spent a large part of their surplus oil revenue on gold, while other producers such as Kuwait chose to invest in property or in the shares

of American, European and Japanese companies.

But the slump in the world oil market, which has driven down prices and caused producers to cut back output, means that OPEC revenue is sharply down. As a group, the OPEC countries are now believed to be running an overall balance of payments deficit. They are certainly in deficit if Saudi Arabia is excluded. Even Kuwait, which used to be one of the richest OPEC countries, is now having to sell stock.

But the countries worst hit are unquestionably Iran and Iraq which are suffering economically from the 19th month-old war.

The Financial Times said that before the war began, Iran had stored between 60 and 90 tons of gold in Europe, of which 35 tons are believed to have been used in collateral deals and the rest is being sold, the paper said.

The Financial Times said that Iran was believed to have at least 200 tons of gold on its own territory, but that it would not sell this last reserve unless all other channels of finance were blocked.

## Dollar surges as gold slides

LONDON, Feb. 26 (AP) — The dollar rose against most major currencies in early trading Friday. Gold prices eased lower and were little changed in later deals.

The dollar's continuing firm trend followed rises Thursday amid indications of joint French-German action to counter high U.S. interest rates.

In Tokyo, where trading ends before it begins in Europe, the dollar eased for the first time in four days to close at 235.20 yen, marginally lower than Thursday's 235.75 yen. But the U.S. currency finished the week 1.60 yen higher than last Friday.

The dollar opened at 236.60 yen and climbed steadily to 237.55 yen in the morning, market sources said, but eased in the afternoon.

Sources said the Bank of Japan apparently intervened in the market to stem the rise of the dollar. The amount of intervention, however, was not known.

In London, the dollar firmed against the

British pound, which cost \$1.8187 in early trading, compared with \$1.8327 at the close Thursday.

Early dollar rates against other key currencies, compared with late rates Thursday: — 2.3817 West German marks, up from 2.3730. — 1.8902 Swiss francs, up from 1.8820. — 6.0700 French francs, up from 6.0485. — 2.6125 Dutch guilders, up from 2.6055. 1.2259 Canadian dollars, up from 1.2228.

Gold opened in London and Zurich at \$364.50 an ounce, down from \$366.75 in London and \$366.50 in Zurich at the close Thursday.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	363.25
Paris	361.24
Frankfurt	364.99
Zurich	362.50
Hong Kong	367.64

## N.Yemen, U.K. to boost investments

MANAMA, Feb. 26 (AP) — Britain and North Yemen signed Thursday an agreement to encourage and guarantee investments by companies and nationals of the two states on each others' territory.

The agreement was signed by Douglas Hurd, Britain's minister of state for foreign and Commonwealth affairs who is now on a Gulf Tour, and North Yemen's minister of economy and industry.

The Bahrain-based Gulf news agency said the agreement provides mainly for "encouraging and protecting mutual investments by citizens and companies, guaranteeing losses resulting from unusual circumstances, insurance, and guaranteeing freedom of investment and repatriation of profit."

Hurd is scheduled to go from Yemen to Sultanate of Oman and the state of Qatar. At a press conference here Monday night, Hurd said Britain would "intervene" in the Gulf area if there were "specific requests" from governments in the region. He said the Soviet Union posed a threat in the Gulf and that there was no imminent end for the 17-month-old Iran-Iraq war.

Hurd met Thursday in Sanaa, North Yemen's capital, with Yemen's two Vice Presidents Abdul-Aziz Abdul-Ghani and Judge Abdul-Karim Al-Orshi and with Prime Minister Abdul-Karim Iriani.

President Ali Abdullah Saleh is currently in Iraq after concluding a Gulf tour Tuesday.

## Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 7:00 p.m. Thursday

	SAAMA	Cash	Transfer
Baharati Dinar	9.05	9.06	9.06
Bangladesh Taka	—	15.40	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	—	281.00	—
Canadian Dollar	144.50	144.00	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	131.75	131.35	—
Dutch Guilder (100)	3.49	3.92	—
Egyptian Pound	95.00	95.20	—
East German Mark (100)	56.75	56.55	—
French Franc (100)	—	56.00	—
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	36.85	—
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	—
Israeli Riyal (100)	27.10	26.90	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	—	14.50	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	9.95	9.86	—
Jordanian Dinar	12.10	12.05	—
Kuwait Dinar	71.10	70.80	—
Lebanese Lira (100)	57.75	60.50	—
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	31.75	—
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	41.85	—
Philippine Peso (100)	—	62.65	—
Saudi Riyal (100)	6.30	6.26	—
Swiss Franc (100)	94.00	94.10	—
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	162.50	—
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	182.00	181.85	—
Swiss Franc (100)	58.00	63.50	—
Syrian Lira (1,000)	—	—	—
Turkish Lira (1,000)	3.429	3.422	—
U.S. Dollar	75.00	74.90	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	—	—

	Selling Price	Buying Price
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## SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS

Authority	Description	Tenders No.	Tender Price (\$K)	Closing Date
Abqiy Municipality	Fencing of the new and old Ain Dar graveyards	—	500	27.2.82
Eastern Province Education Department (Ahsa)	Cleanliness of five pre-fab schools in Ahsa	—	50	28.2.82
	Cleanliness of Al-Khatji school	28	100	27.2.82
Ministry of Posts, Telegraph and Telephones	Supply, installation and maintenance of a central warning system in the Central and Eastern provinces	310600	300	1.3.82

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4.	Pandora	A.A.	Barley	18.2.82
5.	Blue Nile	A.E.T.	Contr./Gen.	24.2.82
6.	Idinos	A.E.T.	Gen./Contrs. Matrs.	18.2.82
7.	Kesnar	Alsbah	Barley	22.2.82
8.	Ceycecan	El Hawi	Tea/Fibre/Spiel	22.2.82
9.	Summar Ray	Gulf	Gen.	23.2.82
10.	Island Mariner	Barnesdahl	Rebar/Tyres/Paper	23.2.82
11.	Union Yenbo	O.C.E.	Gen.	21.2.82
12.	Santorini	Alsaada	Barley/Wheat	21.2.82
14.	Golden Bahrain	El Hawi	Steel/Gen./Ldg.	21.2.82
15.	Lanka Ratna	A.A.	Contrs.	20.2.82
18.	Odyseus	Alsbah	Timb/Steel/Gen.	21.2.82
19.	La Costa	Gulf	Contrs.	18.2.82
20.	Finn Timber	O.C.E.	Barley	16.2.82
21.	Kota Makmur	Abdallah	Bulk Cement	23.2.82
22.	Multi-Carrier	H.S.S.C.	Bulk Cement	22.2.82
23.	Lanka Keerti	Star	Gen/Stl/Timb/Paper	23.2.82
24.	Stirling Universal	Alireza	Gen/Paints	21.2.82
25.	Qarouh	Alsbah	Steel/Gen./Contrs.	14.2.82
26.	Shabaan	Alsaada	Barley	21.2.82
28.	Kefalonia Spirit	Star	Bananas	21.2.82
29.	Frigo America	El Hawi	Gen./Stl/Contr./	21.2.82
30.	Haj Abdul Rahman	—	—	—

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3.	Charlambois-F	Alsaada	Bagged Barley	22.2.82
4.	Sabrina	SEA	Steel	24.2.82
5.	Asian Falcon	Gulf	Loading Urea	18.2.82
6.	Luchina	Orr	Steel	20.2.82
7.	Cadmus	Orr	General	23.2.82
11.	Wakataka Maru	Alireza	Steel Bars	21.2.82
12.	Cyclops	Orr	General	22.2.82
15.	Concordia Sun	Alsbah	Steel Pipes	22.2.82
16.	Willow	Gosai	Bagged Barley	22.2.82
18.	Sea Bada	Alsaada	Bagged Cement	24.2.82
19.	San John	Gulf	Containers	24.2.82
26.	Author	Kano	Bananas	15.2.82
28.	Asteri	Star	General	20.2.82
29.	Nazakat	UEP	General	24.2.82
31.	Sibi	SEA	Cars	24.2.82

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CALIFORNIA, (AFP) — The head of the Hewlett-Packard Informatics Company has said the United States must sell its products to the Soviet Union in order to avert a major confrontation — a clash that could lead to a nuclear conflict.

WASHINGTON, (AFP) — The Interior Department will this April grant 17 coal

mining concessions in the Powder River basin (Montana and Wyoming) involving an estimated 2,240 million tons of recoverable coal. This is the first such coal operation since 1971 and the biggest in U.S. history.

WASHINGTON, (AFP) — Countries bordering the North Atlantic have reached agreement on curbing salmon takes, the Commerce Department said. The arrangement was concluded in Reykjavik by the U.S., Canada, Denmark, Iceland, Norway and the European Economic Community (EEC). Catches will be limited to 12 miles from the coast. Exceptions are 200 miles around the Faeroe Islands and 40 miles off the east Greenland coast.

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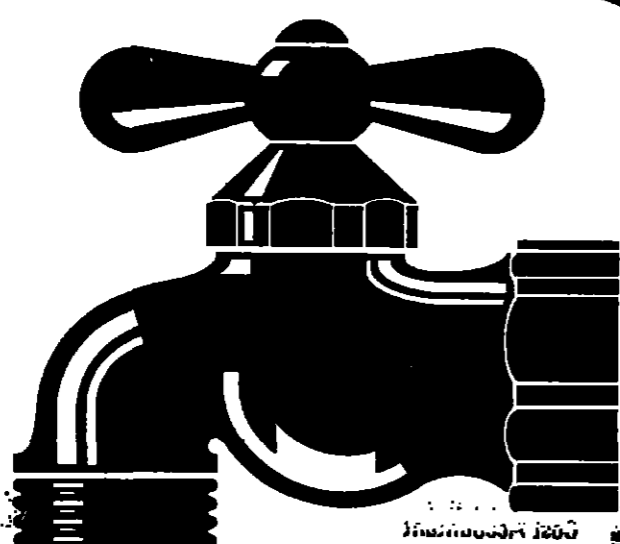
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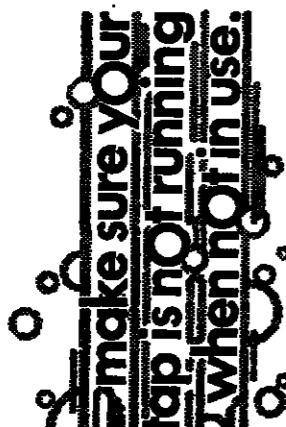
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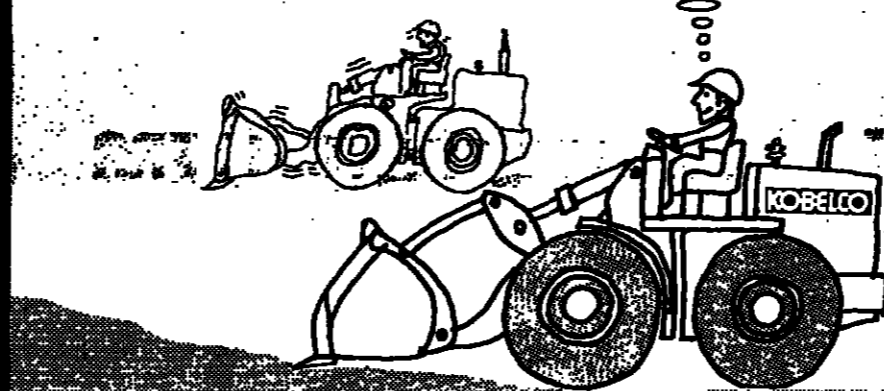
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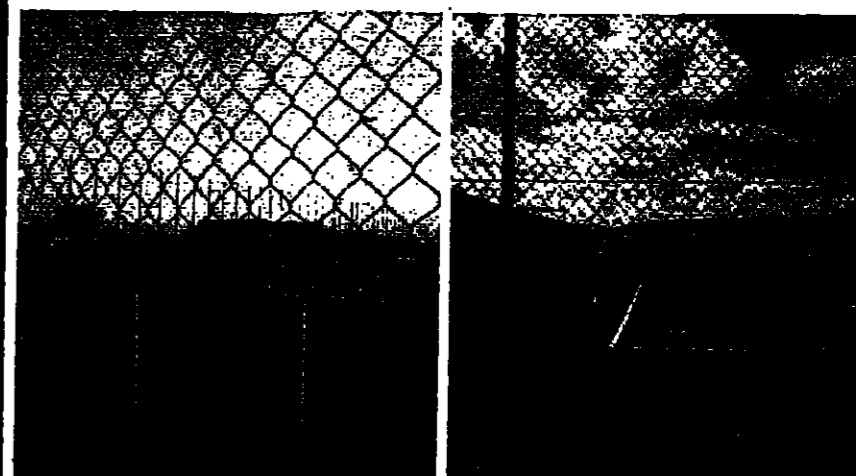


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## To make quarterfinals

## Mayer, Kriek score easy wins

MONTERREY, Mexico, Feb. 26 (AP) — Defending champion Johan Kriek of South Africa defeated Morris Sprode of the United States in two straight sets here Thursday night to move into the quarterfinals of the \$300,000 Volvo Grand Prix Tennis Tournament. Kriek downed Sprode 6-1, 7-6.

In an earlier match Nick Saviano, of the United States beat his countryman Bruce Manson 3-6, 6-2, 7-6, to win his slot in the quarterfinals. In the last singles match of the night, Gene Mayer beat the lanky Victor Amaya, both of the United States, in two sets 6-4, 6-2.

Going into the quarterfinals the tournament's top-seeded player, Jimmy Connors, will face Mel Purcell, who was responsible for the first major upset of the tourney Wednesday when he eliminated Roscoe Tanner. Another top American player, Brian Gottfried was also eliminated in Wednesday's action. Hooper, the unseeded player responsible for knocking Gottfried out of the action, will face Kriek in the quarterfinals. Second-seeded Gene Mayer went up against Germany's Fritz Buehning in Friday's quarterfinal round of the tournament.

Easy for seeds  
Meanwhile, Chris Evert Lloyd, showing signs of a two-month layoff, dopped Christine Tanvier of France 6-2, 6-2 Thursday to advance in the \$150,000 Avon Championships of California.

It was only the second match Lloyd has played since her long rest, and the second easy victory. She beat Peanut Louie 6-1, 6-2 on Wednesday.

"I've played better than I thought I would, to tell you the truth," said Lloyd, the world's top-ranked female tennis player. "I'm not at my best yet. Not like when I won Wimbledon last year, but I wasn't nervous like (in) the first match," she added.

It was the first meeting between Lloyd and the 16-year-old Frenchwoman, who made Lloyd fight for her points. "I felt like I was playing Borg," Lloyd said. "She's not as good as Borg, but she has a lot of top-spin on her shots. Borg must be her idol."

On Friday, the top seed from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, will meet unseeded Leslie Allen, who knocked off No. 6 seed Bettina Bunge on Wednesday. In an earlier game Thursday, No. 2 seed Andrea Jaeger easily blitzed Cathy Jordan, 6-1, 6-1.

Jaeger, a 16-year-old from Lincolnshire, Illinois, was in command all the way in her match against Jordan, 22, of Pennsylvania, using a skillful baseline game to frustrate Jordan's serve-and-volley attack.

In earlier matches, seventh-seeded Barbara Porter of Woodbury, Connecticut, defeated Kate Latham of Mountain View, California, 6-3, 6-4, and No. 5 seed Wendy Turnbull of Australia defeated Yvonne Vermaak of South Africa, 6-0, 6-3.

## As Menotti wants full strength

## Argentina may pull out of friendly

MAR DEL PLATA, Argentina Feb. 26 (R) — World Cup holders Argentina may pull out of a friendly soccer international against 1974 champions West Germany, scheduled to be played in Buenos Aires on March 24.

Argentine manager Cesar Luis Menotti said last night he would ask for a cancellation unless he could field the six River Plate players currently suspended for 45 days.

The six — goalkeeper Ubaldo Fillol, captain Daniel Passarella, star striker Mario Kempes, Ramon Diaz, Americo Gallego and Alberto Tarantini — will almost certainly travel to Spain in June when Argentina defend the trophy.

They are among 11 players suspended by River Plate last week for refusing to play a friendly against Uruguayan club Penarol earlier this month over a bonus-pay dispute. "It would be stupid to play without them," said

## Sockers begin with a bang

SAN DIEGO, Feb. 26 (AP) — Julie Vee and Vidal Fernandez scored two goals each as the San Diego Sockers, down 1-0 to Edmonton after six minutes, roared back for an 8-2 playoff victory over the Drillers in the opener of the North American Soccer League semifinals Thursday night.

Vee, a questionable starter after suffering a hamstring injury a week ago, put San Diego ahead to stay at 2-1 early in the second quarter. Jan Goossens put Edmonton ahead with 6:03 gone in the first quarter. After San Diego tied it on Kazed's goal, Vee scored to give Sockers a 2-1 half-time advantage.

Manu Sanon and Vee added third quarter goal and the Sockers put it out of reach with a four-goal fourth quarter eruption. Both of Fernandez' goals came in the fourth quarter. Eric Geyer and Ade Coker also scored for San Diego. Pasquale Deluca had Edmonton's other goal. It coming in the final minute. San Diego outshot the Drillers 57-51, the Sockers' goalie Volkmar Gross making 16 saves.

Menotti. "It has been hard work establishing a series of top-level warm-up fixtures and I can't be expected to field an emergency side in such short time."

Meanwhile, Chile will play 11 top foreign club sides in April and May as part of its build-up to the World Soccer Cup finals in Spain, the Chilean Football Association said Thursday.

The Chileans, who face Peru twice on March 23 and 31, will be hosts to Defensor, Uruguay, on April 7, Rapid Vienna, Austria, (April 14) and F.C. Bruges, Belgium, (April 21) before traveling to Spain to face Real Oviedo (April 27) and Gijon (April 30).

Chile, who meet West Germany, Algeria and Austria in Group Two in Spain, will then play Zaragoza on May 2 before returning home to face a yet to be named foreign side on May 12, Barcelona of Spain (May 15) and

## Podborski starts as favorite

WHISTLER MOUNTAIN, Canada, Feb. 26 (AP) — Steve Podborski, Canada's Alpine Skiing downhill specialist, will be a favorite to win Saturday's first North American event on his own territory at Whistler Mountain, north of Vancouver, British Columbia.

The Canadian will face a strong challenge from Austria's Harti Weirather. After the European downhill so far this season, Podborski heads the standings with 107 points, 22 more than Weirather. However, with only three events remaining the Austrian must finish among the leaders at Whistler and also at Aspen, Colorado, next week if he is to have a hope of snatching the World Cup.

For him to win the trophy Podborski would have to score no points in either race, and it is unlikely the young Canadian will lose his form so suddenly. Weirather's best hope is that the high expectations of Podborski's home supporters will make him nervous and affect his performance.

In the European events, where the high expectations fell on the European skiers, the Canadian showed no such nerves, winning

Nastase called back  
Ilie Nastase has been selected for the Romanian Davis Cup team after a gap of two years. The 35-year-old player, who won the Masters tournament four times in his heyday, has been called up to join the team to play Chile in the competition next month.

Other members will be Florin Segarceanu, Andrei Dirzu, and Adrian Marcu, the Romanian Tennis Federation announced Friday. The Davis Cup team will play a preparatory match against Paraguay at Asuncion.

Fraser faces problems  
Australian non-playing captain Neale Fraser was faced with problems before the Davis Cup encounter against Mexico in the first week of March. Though he has no problem selecting his No. 1 player — which will be Peter McNamara — he has to decide between Mark Edmondson and John Alexander to name the No. 2 player.

Though Edmondson has been in form, Alexander's forte in clay may be the deciding factor. But Fraser's eleventh hour decision will be crucial for Australia against a side led by the indomitable Raul Ramirez, who nearly upset United States in last year's clash, by beating Jimmy Connors.

The second problem being that of the altitude. The factor has to be taken into consideration for the performance of the athletes in the Mexico Olympics had been affected.

a return match against Zaragoza (May 18). On May 26 the Chileans play French First Division side Olympique de Lille and four days later Italy's Inter-Milan.

In Calcutta, India South Korea scored its first victory Friday in the inaugural Jawaharlal Nehru Gold Cup International Soccer Tournament here, beating Italy 4-2 in the penultimate league encounter.

At halftime the Koreans led 2-0. South Korean striker Choi Soon Ho scored three goals. South Korea, which drew its previous three matches. In its last league contest, South Korea will play China next Monday.

Uruguay and China share the lead in the tournament with six points each from four matches. Italy has collected only two points from three encounters and can reach the semifinals only if it upsets Uruguay and Yugoslavia.

three races — Crans-Montana, Kitzbuehel and Garmisch — and taking one second place, at Kitzbuehel.

Smetanina emerges top  
Meanwhile, in Holmenkollen, Norway, Raisa Smetanina of the Soviet Union awarded herself an early 30th birthday present Friday by winning the women's 20 km cross country, the last women's individual race of the World Nordic Skiing Championships.

Smetanina, who celebrates her birthday Sunday, managed to beat off a challenge from the star of the championships, Berit Aunli, depriving the Norwegian of a fourth gold medal. Aunli was just 3.4 seconds too slow to collect a medal to add to the gold awards for the five km, 10 km and relay events and had to settle Friday for the silver.

The Soviet and Norwegian rivals passed the winning post more than a minute ahead of bronze medalist Hilka Riihivuori of Finland, who was herself more than a quarter of a minute faster than the next finisher, Lubov Liadova of the Soviet Union.

Smetanina won the 5 km gold at the Lake Placid Winter Olympics in 1980 and the Women's World Cup series last year, but illness at the start of the championships had led experts to write off her chances Friday.

The Soviet skier was meticulously careful at the start and controlled her performance perfectly to take the lead 5 km from the end. Though Aunli was able to whittle down her lead from eight seconds Smetanina kept up enough pressure to ensure herself of victory.



SHOCKERS: Alleycats look more than pleased after its shock victory over leaders Sawasdee in the Wednesday night Bowling League.

## Alleycats shock Sawasdee

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 26 — As the action continues in the Jeddah bowling league, the main shock result of last week's play was the emphatic 4-0 defeat of Wednesday league leaders, Sawasdee, by lowly-placed Alleycats.

This was undoubtedly Alleycats' best performance of the season, but it probably will not be enough to stop Sawasdee from taking the league trophy. They remain four points clear with Super 7 and Tigers following.

Dania, the current Tuesday League title holders, have not given up its crown yet. Currently in second place, it comfortably took care of Smashed, 4-0, while league leaders, Ten Striker, won by the same margin against Playmore, which was expected to do better. The Bears and A.G. continue to win, keeping in touch with the leader but the Tornados, the Pinocchio's and Siam, all lost ground this

In Hong Kong Golf  
Marsh disqualified after first round

HONGKONG, Feb. 26 (AFP) — Australia's golfing veteran, Graham Marsh, was Friday disqualified from the \$130,000 Hong Kong Open Championships for incorrectly marking his card in Thursday's opening round.

The 37-year-old Marsh, runner-up here in 1974 and last year, entered a par four on his card for the 14th hole where he had actually scored a bogey five.

The popular Australian, who has been twice overall champion on the Asian circuit and won five tournaments in the region, had a double-bogey on the final green on a six-over par 76. Apparently he was upset by his bad performance on the last hole and did not double-check his card before signing it. Organizers spotted his error this morning and Marsh had to pull out of the four-day tournament.

Cox, Ginn in lead  
American Kurt Cox and Australia's Stewart Ginn swept into the lead with identical 68's at the half way mark of the Hong Kong open here Friday.

The 34-year-old Cox, from San Antonio, Texas, and Ginn, the 1977 Malaysia Open champion, had their second 68's back to back to pass overnight leaders Terry Gale of Australia and Japan's Koichi Hirabayashi.

Two strokes behind the leaders were Japan's Kikuo Arai, who carded another

one-under 69, and American Tom Sieckman, who scored a 68 for a two-round total of 138.



Graham Marsh

A further stroke behind were a string of six players, including the 35-year-old Gale, who had a reasonable 72 Friday. The other five were Britain's Brian Waites, defending champion Chen Tse-Ming of Taiwan, the

1979 Hong Kong Open winner Grey Norman of Australia, South Korea's Kim Seung-Hack and Japan's Saburo Fujiki.

Playing conditions were identical to those of Thursday with a strong breeze under a cloudy sky on the 6,122 m (6,694 yard) par 70 composite course at Fanling near the Chinese border.

Meanwhile, Ben Arda of the Philippines, golf's "mighty mouse" accused organizers of the Hong Kong Open of having dropped him from the event because of a clash.

The father of seven told reporters that he had given a list of eight Filipino players to compete in the Hong Kong Open, second-leg of the Asia circuit, to circuit coordinator Lily Kim Hall in Manila last week. However, his name was mysteriously dropped in the telex to the local organizers, according to Hall.

When Arda arrived here last Monday he found he was not included in the list of 141 professionals due to tee off Thursday. In the past decade, Arda has won the Malaysia Open (1970) Singapore Open (1973), Indonesia Open (1974), Thailand Open (1976), Japan Open (1976 and 1977) and Philippine Open (1979) in the Asia circuit.

He left for Kuala Lumpur to prepare for the \$150,000 Malaysia Open, the richest of the 10-leg circuit, which tees off next Thursday.

## Yacht leaders poised for keen fight

MAR DEL PLATA, Argentina, Feb. 26 (AFP) — Contrasting approaches to their sport characterize the French captains of the two leading contenders in the Whitbread Round-the-World Yacht race.

Alain Gabbay, whose *Charles Heidsieck III* leads the overall standings as the 22 remaining entries prepare to set sail Sunday for the final leg from here to England, is a young Egyptian immigrant who signed his friends on as his crew members.

The main challenger, *Kriter IX*, is helmed by Andre Viant, a recently retired managerial executive, who is rumored to rule his crew members with almost naval discipline. Gabbay believes the main obstacle on the 6,150 mile final-leg will be the anti-cyclone based on the Azores, which caused his boat to slump from the lead to a final fourth place in the last race four years ago.

"The first of our two boats to escape from the calm will win the race," he said, and he is confident it will be his, despite his more relaxed approach. Though Gabbay will say nothing against his rival — "Don't talk to me of a generation gap" — he thinks Viant is not as confident as he is in his command.

Gabbay claims he seldom intervenes to give orders on board, seeing his voice as merely "preponderant" in discussion about maneuvers at sea. He said that when he met *Kriter IX*'s skipper to compare routes after completion of the first stage from Portsmouth to Cape Town, he found Viant's log and charts were impeccably neat.

"Everything was mentioned, even the smallest detail. Our map was tatty, covered in pencil marks and the route was very imprecise."

## First day's play washed out

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, Feb. 26 (AP) — The first day's play in the first cricket Test between New Zealand and Australia was abandoned Friday morning because the Basin Reserve pitch at Wellington was waterlogged after three days of rain.

Australian team manager Alan Crompton said the match would now begin on the scheduled second day of play Saturday and last four days instead of five.

New Zealand Cricket Council chairman Bob Vance said the decision to abandon play had been made by the local ground authority. Fine weather is forecast for Saturday, but the pitch will require substantial drying, for play to be possible.

For a stroke lead  
Stadler forges ahead

MIAMI, Florida, Feb. 26 (AP) — Craig Stadler, seeking another victory of the year, took advantage of ideal playing conditions for a 6-under-par 66 and the first round lead Thursday in the \$300,000 Doral-Eastern Open Golf Tournament.

"I drove the ball well. I missed only two fairways, and that's exceptional for me," said Stadler, a winner in Tucson and runner-up in the Crosby Open this year.

He enjoyed a stroke lead over Jack Nicklaus, Bobby Wadkins and longshot Eric Bateman who said "he's only looking to finish in the top 20."

A big group at 68 on the 7,065-yard Blue Monster Course at the Doral Country Club, included Andy Bean, Booros, Calvin Peete, Mike Niclette, two members of the European Ryder Cup team — Mark James and Nick Faldo — and Steve Benson. Tom Weiskopf was in a group at 69.

Defending champion Ray Floyd could do no better than a 71 in what he called "ideal conditions." "I can't remember it ever being this calm at Doral," Lee Trevino, who hasn't made a cut this year, shot a 75 and must improve Friday if he is to qualify for the final two rounds.

Contrasting display  
Meanwhile, Ian Cole beat and her nerves, and a 71 in what he called "ideal conditions." "I can't remember it ever being this calm at Doral," Lee Trevino, who hasn't made a cut this year, shot a 75 and must improve Friday if he is to qualify for the final two rounds.

But all three pro women golfers somehow managed for five identical 2-under-par rounds of 70 in Tucson, Arizona, Thursday and share the first round lead in the \$125,000 LPGA Arizona Copper Classic.

## JPGA raises prize money

TOKYO, Feb. 26 (AP) — It looks like 1982 will be a good year for Japanese and foreign professional golfers, with 60 tournaments offering a record prize money of \$6,597,217, the Japan Professional Golf Association (JPGA) said Friday.

The prize money represents an increase of \$926,343 over last season's record. The richest tournament is the U.S.-Japan professional golf match Nov. 4-7 with a total purse of \$440,000 an increase of \$272,727 from the previous year.

The four-day tournament, specially recognized by the Tournament Players Association (TPA) and the Japan Professional Golf Association (JPGA), is the world's second richest event after the \$500,000 Tournament Players Championship at Shadybrook golf club in Florida.

Each player of the winning eight-man team will receive \$30,000, while the losing side players get \$20,000 each. The top individual prize is \$20,000. The annual event is sponsored by the Asahi Broadcasting Corporation and supported by the *Asahi Shinbun* (newspaper).

Other big tournaments include the \$392,000 Dunlop Phoenix Nov. 18-21, the \$305,000 Chugochi Crown April 29-May 2, the \$287,000 Toshiba Taiheiyō Masters Nov. 11-14 and the \$283,000 Casio World Nov. 25-28.

The rich tournaments are concentrated in the period between October and November so that a large number of players on the American and European tours can be invited to play. The Japanese golf season opens with the \$136,000 Shizuoka Open March 18-21.

Meanwhile, the 1982 Japanese Ladies Professional tour comprising 38 tournaments worth more than \$2,500,000 in prize money begins March 6 with two rounds of the Okinawa ladies. The women's richest tournament is the \$200,000 Mazda Japan Classic Nov. 5-7.

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## Free basket takes Warriors past tenacious Mavericks

NEW YORK, Feb. 26 (AP) — When the Golden State Warriors need a crucial basket they look for the free man — World Free.

He was there Thursday night, sinking an 18-foot jump shot at the buzzer that beat the tenacious Mavericks in Dallas 106-104. In two other National Basketball Association games, San Antonio rallied to beat Detroit 119-116 and Los Angeles trimmed Seattle 104-98.

With the score tied, and about 30 seconds to play, the Warriors ran the clock down to the final legal tick — the Mavericks claimed it was one tick too many — before Mike Gale took a hurried turnaround jumper.

"I looked at the shot clock and there two seconds left," said Gale, "so I got it up as fast as I could." It rimmed the basket and landed in Free's hands. The Golden State guard dribbled, then launched the ball. Before it came down, the horn sounded. And when it came down, it touched only the net. "We're lucky World was there for the rebound," said Gale. "He ran the clock out and made a beautiful shot." "We would have liked to have the ball out of Free's hands," said Dallas coach Dick Motta. "We would like to have let somebody else beat us. It's too bad we couldn't have a man run at him and put a hand in his face." With forward Bernard King, averaging 23.1 points, out with a bruised knee, Free carried the Warriors' scoring load with 31 points. Jay Vincent had 23 for Dallas.

Spurs 119, Pistons 116: Forty points by the Iceman, George Gervin, and Mark Olberding's 18 — including his jumper and two foul shots that gave the Spurs a four-point lead in the final minute — paced San Antonio past the Pistons.

"I was really happy for Ice," said San Antonio coach Stan Albeck. "He came to his home town and really did a great job. A lot of times players will come to their home towns and be a big bust." "It's always great to come home and play well," said Gervin. "This is where all my people are."

San Antonio trailed 100-91 with 10 minutes left before turning it on. "We should have put this one away a lot earlier and shouldn't have had to come down to the final minute of play," said Pistons coach Scotty Robertson. John Long led the Pistons with 31 points. Kelly Tripucka added 30.

Lakers 104, Sonics 98: Kareem Abdul-Jabbar scored 23 of his 31 points in the second-half as the Lakers chalked up their fifth consecutive victory and opened a 2½-game lead over Seattle in the Pacific Division. The Supersonics led 92-85 with 4½ minutes to play before Los Angeles outscored them 14-4.

"Abdul-Jabbar played great," said Seattle coach Lenny Wilkens. "He was almost unstoppable. At the end, we wanted to go to Kareem," said Lakers coach Pat Riley. "And he came to the front and took charge."

### To concentrate on business

## Minter to hang his gloves

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Agencies) — Alan Minter, Britain's former world middleweight boxing champion, Thursday announced his retirement from the ring to concentrate on his business affairs.

Minter, 30, told a news conference he reached his decision after last Sunday's victory by his arch British rival Tony Sibson over America's Dwight Davison in a world middleweight eliminator.

The victory prevented Minter from trying to win back his European title from Sibson, who qualified instead for a world title fight against the middleweight champion Marvin

Hagler. "And even if I wanted to try and get the world title back, I would probably have to wait a year and go through eliminators. Something could go wrong on the way so I've decided to call it a day," said Minter.

Minter, knocked out by Sibson in his last fight five months ago, announced he had signed a contract with Britain's Amateur Boxing Association in league with a truck firm to coach 15 and 16-year-old junior champions from around this country. He also has public relations and advertising interests and owns a restaurant in his home town of Crawley, Sussex.

Minter won the world middleweight crown from the Italian Vito Antufermo, in Las Vegas, Nevada in March, 1980. But he held the title for just six months, losing it to Hagler at Wembley Stadium in London.

Jones pulls out  
Meanwhile, British-welterweight boxer Colin Jones has had to pull out of Friday's scheduled European Championship fight against Denmark's Hans Henrik Palm in Copenhagen because of a sudden attack of appendicitis.

Palm will instead contest the vacant title here Friday with Georges Warusfel of France. Warusfel, 31, was already in Copenhagen for a scheduled bout with Joergen Hansen of Denmark, who relinquished the title voluntarily after defending it for the last time against Palm in October.

Warusfel's manager Jean Bretonnel said he was "delighted" with the last minute opportunity of a European title fight for his man, who has fought 60 professional matches.

Jones, who was forbidden by doctors to enter the ring, was said by experts to have had a good chance of winning. The 22-year-old Welshman will also be disappointed at missing a guaranteed 300,000 kroner (\$40,000) purse. Warusfel will not collect as big a prize.



Alan Minter... calls it a day

## Larsen outplays Najdorf

MAR DEL PLATA, Argentina Feb. 26 (AP) — Denmark's Bent Larsen defeated Miguel Najdorf of Argentina in one of the three suspended games completed Thursday as the Magistral IV International Chess Tournament neared its end.

Paraguay's Zenon Franco won his third victory in defeating Argentina's Oscar Panno and Carlos Garcia Palermo, also of Argentina. Drew with Fellow-countryman Miguel Quinteros. Tournament leader Jan Timman, already assured of the championship on the basis of points, and other competitors rested Thursday in preparation for Friday's 13th and final round.

Timman, with nine points, is out of reach of his nearest competitor. Lajos Portisch of Hungary, who is in second place with seven and one-half points. Friday's final round will match Quinteros and Najdorf, Portisch and Garcia Palermo, Franco and Sergio Giardelli of Argentina, Fernando Braga of Argentina and world champion Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union, Fernando Braga of Argentina and world champion Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union, Yasser Seirawan of the United States and Panno, Lev Polugaievsky of the Soviet Union and Timman.

Meanwhile Johnathan Mestel of England led the standing of the final phase of the European Zone One Chess Tournament

## 3 teams in race for top spot

NEW YORK, Feb. 26 — With the College Basketball regular season heading into its final big weekend, the battle for a national champion is going down to the wire with three teams having the best shots at the crown.

Upsets over the final days will be costly to Virginia, North Carolina and DePaul, as they held onto the top three places in the weekly ratings.

Virginia received 38 first-place votes and 598 points from the 40 coaches who participated in the voting. DePaul, in third position, received the other two first-place votes.

With only two weeks of voting remaining, here are the schedules for the main contenders: Virginia plays Wake Forest at home and travels to Maryland, North Carolina has home games against Georgia Tech and Duke, and DePaul plays on the road at Furman and Notre Dame. Virginia and North Carolina

also have the tough Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament March 5-7.

West Virginia, unranked only a month ago, continued its rapid climb by advancing four spots to No. 6. The Mountaineers have not finished a season in the top 20 since 1963, but they have the longest major-college winning streak in the nation, 22 games, and their last two games are against Pittsburgh and Rutgers.

Oregon State traded places with Missouri the Beavers took over the No. 4 position following victories over Washington and Washington State. Missouri dropped to fifth after a loss to Georgetown Saturday.

Towa fell on notch to No. 7 after splitting a pair of big ten Conference Games, Idaho moved up three places to No. 8 after posting a pair of victories, Kentucky remained in the No. 9 spot and Tulsa dropped three places to No. 10 after splitting two Missouri Valley Conference games.

## Reagan pat for Gretzky

By Cynthia Shanley  
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, Feb. 26 — President Ronald Reagan phoned Wayne Gretzky of the Edmonton Oilers on his setting the National Hockey League (NHL) record of most goals in one season.

Gretzky, who achieved the distinction Wednesday, scored his 77th, 78th, and 79th goals of the season in the third period of Edmonton's 6-3 victory over Buffalo Sabres. Gretzky's first of the three goals was his 77th of the season, erasing the mark set by Phil Esposito in 1970-71.

Gretzky achieved the milestone in 64 games — 14 fewer than Esposito. And he still has 16 more games to play this season.

## Sri Lankans brimming with confidence

KARACHI, Pakistan, Feb. 26 (AP) — Sri Lankan cricket captain Bandula Warnapura, who arrived here Thursday from Colombo to play a series of three Test matches against Pakistan, told newsmen on arrival at Karachi airport that they would have to play good cricket and would go for results wherever possible.

He added "We are new to Test cricket and it is our first foreign tour after getting the Test status from the International Cricket Conference in London recently."

## Ken Hiscoe the best 'boast' in squash

By Jean Grant  
Al-Khobar Bureau

DHAHRAN, Feb. 26 — A world-famous squash pro jetted into Dhahran for the day last Saturday. Ken Hiscoe — or 'Mr. Squash,' as thousands worldwide call the big Australian — won an exhibition match played at the UPM courts in Dhahran against the reigning champion in this country, Mustapha Hussein.

After a slow start, Hiscoe moved to win comfortably 5-9, 9-6, 9-4 in a 3-game match, which the audience of enthusiasts from the Eastern Province Squash League wished was longer. At 45, Hiscoe is still very fit, vigorous and aggressive.

Earlier in the day, Hiscoe, whose visit was sponsored by UPM, coached the varsity's physical education faculty, who should pass on his tips to the University's Orientation students, all of whom take a two-week introductory course in the game.

Hiscoe told Arab News, "Coaching new areas can only be a starter of creating some interest." The champ, who retired from competitive squash in 1978 to devote himself to junior coaching, has sparked that interest in his native Australia and far afield.

In Sydney, where he has his own squash center, the boom is such that every Saturday morning no less than 2,500 youngsters are out on the courts. Hiscoe has played exhibition matches in cosmopolitan Singapore and in remote New Guinea.

In his coaching, Hiscoe emphasizes mastery of shots, rather than mere fitness. He came to Dhahran from Bahrain, where for

established in a country where it is little known, you need to get the top people."

In the late 60's and early 70's, Hiscoe was one of the world's top three players, excelled only by Hunt and Barrington. "Of all my opponents," once remarked Barrington, "Ken Hiscoe has returned the pressure more than anyone else." Geoff Hunt, who just lost his seven-year-old on the world title had a similar regard for Hiscoe as a rival.

"Of the Australians, Hiscoe has always been one of the most attractive to watch. He plays a forcing game, volleys well, and is very dangerous in the front of the court."

At 5 foot 10, Hiscoe is a big man in squash, and a powerful volleyer. Eeles claimed Hiscoe "could play the boast from the back of the court better than any other squash player." Hiscoe's specialty is the crosscourt volley into the nick. In Dhahran, Hiscoe compared squash to the more sedentary game of chess; in both games control of the center of the court of board is the key to victory.

Hiscoe has supported the controversial lowering of the tin, arguing that... it will lead to more exciting rallies and hence better TV coverage for a sport which rarely appears on the tube.

The next big date for squash enthusiasts in the country is the April 22 Kingdomwide Invitation Masters Squash Tournament sponsored by British Airways, when Mustapha Hussein, strengthened perhaps with a few tips from 'Mr. Squash' himself, will try and protect his crown.

Ken Hiscoe... still going strong

two days he coached and played the top ten players one after the other, clicking off wins like clockwork.

Chairman of the UPM Squash Group, Kim Eeles, who persuaded Hiscoe to visit Dhahran, said that "When you're getting a sport

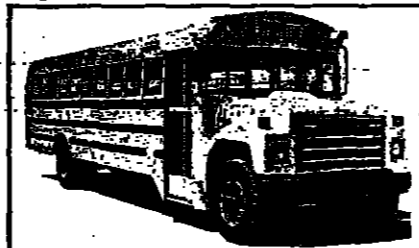


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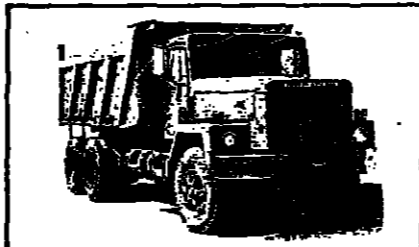
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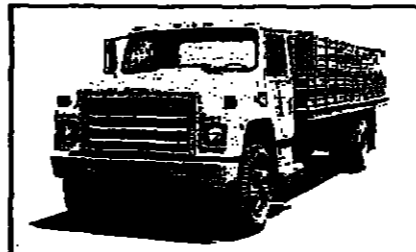
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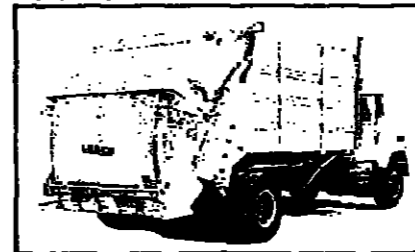
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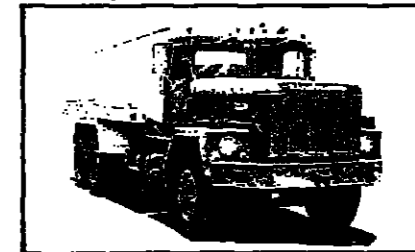
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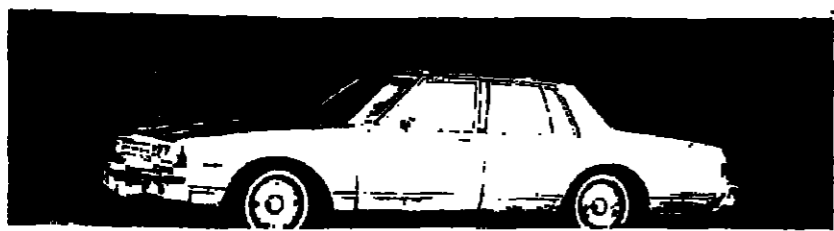
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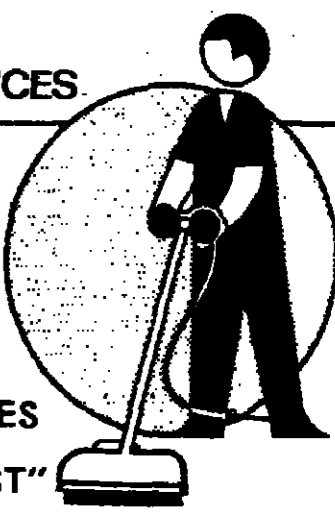
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### Revelation shocks NATO

## Soviets beat U.S. in space arms

BRUSSELS, Feb. 26 (R) — The United States has told its NATO allies in a confidential briefing that the Soviet Union is ahead in some key aspects of the U.S.-Soviet space arms race, diplomatic sources said.

"It came as quite a shock to many European participants to realize that space war capabilities were not 21st century science fiction but present-day preoccupations," a diplomat said.

North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) officials would not even acknowledge that the briefing, which the sources said touched on killer satellites and mid-course guidance for ballistic missiles, took place last week.

The Western alliance as such is not directly involved in the U.S.-Soviet space arms race although NATO has three communication satellites in synchronous orbit over the Atlantic. They are part of NATO's integrated communications system linking member nations and NATO military authorities using ground stations in 12 countries.

The briefing was given to explain to the NATO allies why Washington felt it could not go ahead at the moment with a draft United Nations treaty on the peaceful use of outer space, the sources said.

The main U.S. preoccupation is that the

Soviet Union already has satellites capable of giving en route navigation data for space, air and sea craft. Such satellites allow mid-course guidance to rectify the flight path of ballistic missiles. They also allow Soviet long-range bombers to fly without having to keep in radio contact with the ground, so making tracking them more difficult, they said.

The United States is developing something similar — the so-called Navstar system — which will give three-dimensional accuracy with a margin of error of less than 10 meters for military purposes. This would be especially useful for nuclear submarines deep underwater. The system will consist of 24 satellites which are expected to be in orbit and operational in the mid-1980s, they said.

On the other hand, the United States said it was ahead in early warning and reconnaissance satellites, the sources said. Hundreds of military satellites are now in orbit, either reconnaissance, electronic, communications, weather or early warning craft, which form an important part of the superpowers' strategic systems.

Aware since 1977 of a potential Soviet anti-satellite military capability, the United States is looking at ways of countering it, either with "hunter-killer" satellites or by

devising offensive and defensive measures.

The U.S. Air Force budget request for 1983 includes 218 million for continued development and flight-testing of anti-satellite weapons by air defense F-15 fighters.

One project involves the use of a satellite releasing non-explosive miniature space objects aimed at destroying an enemy satellite by simply impacting on it in the way old cannon balls worked, the sources said.

Alternatively, small heat-seeking rockets launched from aircraft at high altitude could be used.

Development of a U.S. anti-satellite system was begun in 1978 after the then Defense Secretary Harold Brown said the Soviet Union had an initial operational capability.

But the United States only gave scant information to its allies at the secret briefing on the most classified aspects of possible space-based "death ray" high-energy arms such as charged particle beams and laser weapons, the sources said.

The U.S. Air Force seeks \$95 million in its budget request for 1983 for development of high-energy laser weapons concentrating on airborne applications and \$41 million for a new space-based laser research program.

## Polish party rules out return to Solidarity days

WARSAW, Feb. 26 (Agencies) — The first meeting of Poland's Communist Party central committee under martial law has ended with calls for party unity. Marxist orthodoxy and warnings to opponents of the system.

The official news agency PAP said the committee unanimously adopted a resolution on "tasks in the current socio-political situation" Thursday night at the end of two days of debates in which 60 speakers took the floor. Speeches were dominated by demands that there should be no return to the 16-month Solidarity period which was halted on Dec. 13 when the military took power and clamped the country under martial law.

PAP reported that the committee had elected two new alternate members to the ruling Politburo, Interior Minister Czeslaw Kiszczak and a senior party functionary, Marian Wozniak. Three members were dropped from the committee, one at his own request, the agency said.

Meanwhile, Poland's parliament opened a two-day session Friday devoted to economic reforms and discussion of a state tribunal which may judge the wrongdoing of former party and state leaders blamed for leading the

nation into crisis more than a year ago.

Kiszczak, who heads Poland's police, becomes the fourth general in the 19-member Politburo and is a member of the ruling military council headed by party chief and Premier Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski.

In addition to Kiszczak and Jaruzelski, other generals on the politburo are Florian Siwicki, Deputy Minister of Defense and Police Gen. Miroslaw Milewski. Kiszczak's predecessor as interior minister. Political observers said elevating Kiszczak to the politburo was a natural result of his posting as interior minister last year, but noted he would also bolster Jaruzelski's position within the party.

PAP also said party members unanimously adopted a resolution on ideological unity and party action, but it had yet to be released in Friday's press or by the news agency. Jaruzelski closed the two-day plenary with a brief speech that contrasted to his tough opening talk Wednesday that blamed U.S. policy and internal opposition for slowing the lifting of martial law.

He called for working with non-party members to "raise the credibility of party activity in the spirit of Socialist renewal" and appealed for greater attention to the needs of youth. "We know where we are headed," he said. "We are convinced of the correctness of the path along which we are marching."

Jaruzelski sounded optimistic when he said, "we believe that the next...plenary session will be held already in a better situation and that it will be the next step forward." "The sun will rise also for us," he said.

In the wake of calls by party members for purging "waverers" from their ranks, two central committee members were ousted, PAP reported. Marian Arendt, a committee member from Torun was accused of using the so-called horizontal structures for "splitist" activities, while Jan Malanowski in Lodz for not renouncing his membership in Solidarity.

At least 40 members of the 200-member central committee, elected during last July's party congress, were believed to have been members of the union, including Politburo member Zofia Grzyb who quit the union last year.

The fact that only Malanowski was ousted for not renouncing his membership suggested he was one of the few remaining members who had not done so before or since the imposition of martial law suspended the independent union.

In other developments, PAP reported two more Solidarity union activists jailed for strike organizing after martial law. It said Mieczyslaw Gili got four years and Edward Nowak three and a half years for organizing a strike at the Lenin steel complex in Krakow Dec. 13.

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## Vorster backs rebellion against S. Africa premier

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Feb. 26 (AP) — The fight within the ruling National Party over limited racial reform sharpened Friday after former leader John Vorster endorsed a conservative rebellion against Prime Minister P.W. Botha's call to give some non-whites a voice in government.

Vorster, former prime minister and state president, said Thursday night he opposed Botha's idea of "healthy power-sharing" with Indians and coloreds (persons of mixed race). Botha's proposal would not affect South Africa's black majority and has not been spelled out in detail, pending the report of a constitutional commission expected within a few months.

### 'Refugee kids' pose problems in Texas homes

DALLAS, Texas, Feb. 26 (APF) — Social workers are seriously concerned by the dramatic rise in children being put into care by unemployed parents no longer able to provide food or housing in Texas, once considered the golden land of opportunity.

The majority of the children come from families which emigrated from the recession-hit industrial states of the north and midwest in recent months. Believing the myth of easy-to-find good jobs, they only found themselves facing an economic gloom.

Local charity organizations and the city's four main orphanages concur that admission demands for non-orphaned children have doubled or tripled recently, particularly in January, when the intense cold wave that swept the country arrived as far south of Texas.

Norman Lockett, director of the Buckner Orphanage, where a 300-bed emergency center was opened last month, said parents called to say they could not feed their children. "If my child had roof, I might be able to manage," was the most frequent plea.

Explaining that some children are psychologically traumatized, Lockett added that "they refused to put out lights at night. They are afraid of finding someone in their closets. They cry non-stop." Orphanage director Sharoc Whitaker said: "Their children become ill, they cannot find work, they are no longer accepted in the Salvation Army centers — so they call us."

Many of these new-style refugees live in caravans with neither heating nor water on the outskirts of the larger cities. One mother of five tells of their tent life in suburban Dallas.

hins a few months.

It was Vorster's first significant return to the political arena since he resigned as president in 1979 during the country's information scandal, and it came during the party's gravest crisis since the Nationalists took control of the white-minority government in 1948.

Right-wing Transvaal provincial leader Andries Treurnicht led a faction of 22 party legislators Wednesday in voting in Caucus against a motion of confidence in Botha. The prime minister gave the rebels a week to reconsider, but observers said the split appeared irreconcilable.

A Transvaal province party leaders' meeting scheduled for Saturday could determine whether Treurnicht splits permanently and forms a new right-wing opposition. Botha's supporters in the Transvaal region, the heartland of the Dutch-descended Afrikaner community that controls the National Party, planned an executive meeting Friday to try to prevent a Treurnicht takeover.

Treurnicht objected to Botha's endorsement of an undefined political role for coloreds and Indians, who make up 3.5 million of South Africa's 25.5 million population.

Vorster, prime minister from 1966 to 1978 before becoming state president, said he could "find no fault with the motivation as well as the action of Dr. Treurnicht and the MP's who voted with him."

The 66-year-old politician added: "I also support wholeheartedly their rejection of power-sharing in whatever form."

Botha, in Windhoek, Southwest Africa (also known as Namibia) for talks on independence for the territory, responded: "I have no comment to make on statement by former state president."

Several influential cabinet members, among the 100 legislators who backed Botha in the party Caucus, rallied behind the prime minister. Ben Schoeman, leader of the House of Assembly, said of Vorster: "We have long since not sat at the same fireside. What he says is of no consequence and of no interest to me."

In 1977, Vorster led the National Party to its greatest election majority in history. Within months he was accused by a government commission of a major role in carrying out and then covering up the "infitgate" scandal.

The commission said government officials had conducted a secret propaganda campaign at a cost of \$70 million to improve South Africa's image and influence newspapers and politicians abroad.

Vorster resigned as prime minister in 1978, pleading ill health, and then served for eight months as the largely ceremonial state president until the scandal pushed him from the post.

## Mugabe says Nkomo may be prosecuted

LONDON, Feb. 26 (AP) — Prime Minister Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe said Thursday that his ousted junior coalition partner, Joshua Nkomo, may be prosecuted on charges of trying to take over the government.

Mugabe's remarks to British Broadcasting Corp. journalists in the Zimbabwean capital, Salisbury, were broadcast in London.

Nkomo, head of the minority Zimbabwe African Peoples' Union, was fired from the 22-month-old coalition government along with three other ZAPU ministers last week after caches of arms were found on farms belonging to him and his party. He has denied knowledge of the weapons and has also denied that he is plotting a coup.

Mugabe, who leads the Zimbabwe African National Union, said in a BBC television interview: "that he would recommend prosecution if evidence is forthcoming and we can

prove that Nkomo was associated" with the arms caches.

"There will not be civil war if a person has committed a crime and is prosecuted," Mugabe said. "I do not see the public supporting him."

In Zimbabwe, Mugabe's security chief told reporters that the government had found four more arms caches this week on Hamilton farm, a Nkomo property 50 kms southwest of the midlands town of Gwelo.

Minister of state Emmerson Munangagwa said the four caches contained enough arms to equip two battalions.

The latest find included eight Soviet-made ground-to-air missiles, 240 AK-47 automatic assault rifles, 20 land mines, 15 light machine-guns, 10 rocket-propelled grenade launchers with 200 shells and 300,000 rounds of ammunition, authorities said.

## Son Sann agrees to visit Peking

PEKING, Feb. 26 (R) — Former Kampuchean Prime Minister Son Sann, so far absent from talks here on the formation of a coalition to resist the Vietnamese occupation of Kampuchea, has said he will visit Peking and, if necessary, meet Khmer Rouge leader Khieu Samphan.

In a telegram from Paris to former Kampuchean head of state Prince Norodom Sihanouk, he said he would meet Chinese officials and the prince but gave no indication when he would arrive, the prince's office said.

The three leaders among them control the main Kampuchean resistance groups, and in talks here this week Prince Sihanouk and Samphan reached agreement on several questions concerning an anti-Vietnamese coalition.

But Sann, who has never hidden his distrust of the Marxist, Peking-backed Khmer

Rouge, and has previously shied away from meeting Samphan, said he did not want to be involved in the Sihanouk-Samphan meeting.

A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman said that according to information given to the Chinese Embassy in Paris by Sann's assistant, it was unlikely he would arrive here before early March. China officially said Friday it wished Sann would visit Peking early, but did not expect him to join the coalition soon.

Diplomatic sources said this statement was probably intended to put China's position on record and to show Peking could not be blamed for Sann's continued reluctance.

They said Sann was possibly very suspicious of Peking as a venue, given China's strong support for the Khmer Rouge. China's Vice Chairman Deng Xiaoping said earlier this week he hoped the resistance groups would unite as soon as possible.

## Mitterrand, Spadolini begin talks

ROME, Feb. 26 (R) — Italian Prime Minister Giovanni Spadolini and French President Francois Mitterrand Friday opened a day of intensive Italian-French consultations with a broad review of world problems including El Salvador, French officials said.

The two men held an hour of talks at the prime minister's official palace and were then joined by foreign ministers Emilio Colombo and Claude Cheysson. Meanwhile 13 other ministers of the two governments held separate talks on a range of economic issues.

French officials said President Mitterrand's talks with Spadolini had begun in an excellent atmosphere, adding that a once sharp divergence of views on El Salvador had recently narrowed.

Last year France expressed moral support for the leftist anti-government rebels in El Salvador. The Italian government had leaned toward the government of President Juan Napoleon Duarte but Thursday night the five ruling parties stressed their neutrality on the issue.

On Saturday, the French president will meet party leaders including Socialist Party Secretary Bettino Craxi and Enrico Berlinguer, secretary of the Italian Communist Party. His talks with the two men will be followed closely by Italian political commentators because Mitterrand shares power with the French Communist Party and there are indications of a similar potential coalition in Italy.

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Hong Kong	13	55	14	57	cloudy
Jakarta	24	75	32	90	cloudy
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Manila	20	68	33	91	clear
Mexico City	8	46	22	71	cloudy
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Moscow	-7	19	-4	25	cloudy
New Delhi	8	47	23	73	cloudy
New York	-6	21	-2	28	clear
Nicosia	6	43	20	68	clear
Oaks	-3	25	-1	30	cloudy
Paris	-3	27	6	43	cloudy
Rio de Janeiro	23	77	33	91	cloudy
Rome	1	34	12	54	clear
San Francisco	9	48	16	61	clear
Seoul	-1	30	8	46	clear
Singapore	23	73	33	91	clear
Stockholm	-4	25	0	32	cloudy
Sydney	21	70	27	81	cloudy
Taipei	12	54	18	64	rain
Tokyo	1	34	9	48	clear
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